



GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA (INC)
NATIONAL BREED SURVEY SCHEME (as at 1st July 2009).

For animals to enter a GSDCA Breed Survey, the following criteria must be adhered to :

1. Only entries on the official **application form for breed survey GSDCA BS1** will be accepted.
2. The animal must be 18 months of age and not over 8 years of age.
3. The animal must be tattooed in within the GSDCA National Tattoo Scheme or any other Tattoo scheme recognised by the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia.
4. The animals must be in possession of an 'A' stamp for hips and a 'Z' stamp for elbows, or passed any other GSDCA approved evaluation scheme for hips and elbows.
5. The relevant paperwork is to be forwarded to the State Registrar prior to the survey date. The paperwork must include the following;-
 - a. The required fee.
 - b. ANKC Certified pedigree and certificate of ownership.
 - c. Copies of the 'A' and 'Z' stamp results/certificate.
 - d. Five generation pedigree.
 - e. A coloured photograph is to be submitted on the day of the breed survey, or post / e-mail a photo to the NBC Chairperson within 7 days of the Breed Survey.
 - f. For all imported animals a copy of the letter received from the National Breed Commission Chairman that details and any titles have been verified.
 - g. All imported male dogs must possess a GSDCA H neg. certificate prior to being submitted to breed survey.
 - h. All male progeny from imported bitches must possess a GSDCA H neg. certificate prior to being submitted to breed survey.
 - i. **All relevant original documentation** (pedigree, hip and elbow results/certificate etc) is to be brought to the survey and shown to the SURVEYOR.

Please Note: Dogs which are listed on the Limited Registrar can not be accepted for breed survey.

The requirements to receive Breed Survey Class I in the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Breed Survey Scheme are as follows;-

- Anatomically far above the breed average.
- Faultless gait, healthy dentition Double P1's allowed.
- Maximum size is 66cms for dogs and 61cms for bitches
- Minimum size is 60cms for dogs and 55cms for bitches.
- Character and temperament must be firm and self assured.
- Must be firm on reaction to the gun test.
- Must be in possession of a GSDCA 'A' stamp or any other GSDCA recognised scheme for hips.
- Must be in possession of a GSDCA 'Z' stamp or any other GSDCA recognised scheme for elbows.
- Imported males and sons of imported dams must have a GSDCA 'H' neg certificate.

The requirements to receive Breed Survey Class II in the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Breed Survey Scheme are as follows;-

- Are anatomically above the breed average.



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- Can have a not quite correct scissor bite.
- Can have a missing only premolar 1 or molar 4.
- Can have missing two only premolar 1's or one only Premolar 2.
- Can have missing one only Premolar 1 plus one only incisor.
- Slightly level bite, slightly worn teeth. Not due to age.
- Maximum size is 66cms for dogs and 61cms for bitches.
- Minimum size is 60cms for dogs and 55cms for bitches.
- Must be firm or sufficiently firm on reaction to the gun test.
- Character and temperament must be firm and self assured.
- Must be in possession of a GSDCA 'A' stamp or any other GSDCA recognised scheme for hips.
- Must be in possession of a GSDCA 'Z' stamp or its GSDCA recognised scheme for elbows.
- Imported males and sons of imported dams must have a GSDCA 'H' neg certificate.

Animals which cannot fulfil the above described requirements and display any of the following must be denied classification.

- Are not anatomically above the breed average.
- The measurement recorded is more than 66cms for dogs and 61cms for bitches.
- The measurement recorded is less than 60cms for dogs and 55cms for bitches.
- May have no more missing teeth than the following :
 - missing only premolar 1 or molar 4.
 - missing two only premolar 1's or one only Premolar 2.
 - missing one only Premolar 1 plus one only incisor.
- Overshot or undershot mouths.
 - The condition of an overshot mouth is deemed to occur when the incisors of the upper jaw protrude a distance of two (2)mm or more from the incisors of the lower jaw.
- Soft non-erect ears
- One sided or double sided cryptorchidism or uneven or undeveloped testicles.
- .Long double coat. Long coat without undercoat.
- Fail the gun test.
- Show trepidation, are overly suspicious, apprehensive, wary, visually fearful or are aggressive without provocation.
- Albino characteristics (i.e. lack of pigmentation and with pink noses, near whites or with near white coats, even with black noses, or dark eyes or dark nails).

Any animal that has been deemed to have failed breed survey on two separate occasions for the same reason shall not be eligible to present to breed survey on any future occasion.

The loss of teeth through accident, or mechanical means provided they are attested to by a GSDCA Certificate shall be counted as though they are present and considered as such when making a classification for either class.

No other form of documentation shall be accepted. (Refer to attached procedure for GSDCA Tooth Certificates).



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REGULATION FOR THE AWARDING OF A GSDCA TOOTH CERTIFICATE
Regulation effective as from 1st July 2009 (Passed at 2009 GSDCA AGM)

The GSDCA Tooth Certificate is the only recognized certificate that can be used for Shows and Breed Survey.

The President or the National Breed Commission Chairman should inform all overseas judges that this is an official certificate and no other documentation shall be accepted.

For animals that have been breed surveyed and classified Breed Survey Class I or Class II for a GSDCA Tooth Certificate to be awarded, the following procedure must be met :

- A copy of the GSDCA Breed Survey Certificate verifying complete dentition together will be forwarded to the GSDCA President with the prescribed fee.
- The issue of the GSDCA Tooth Certificate is the responsibility of the GSDCA President.
- Once the GSDCA Tooth Certificate is issued, it shall be laminated and forwarded to the owner.
- Notification of the issue of a GSDCA Tooth Certificate shall be forwarded to the National Breed Commission Chairman to be placed on record.

Please note that an animal with damaged/broken teeth does not require a GSDCA Tooth Certificate. A certificate will only be issued where the tooth is not visible above the gum line.

For animals that have not been previously breed surveyed and classified Breed Survey Class 1 or Class 11 for a GSDCA Tooth Certificate to be issued, the following procedure must be met :

- The owner must provide x-ray proof that a normal, healthy, developed adult tooth existed at a point of time.
- The x-ray must be identified radiographically with the GSDCA Tattoo Number or a tattoo from any other Tattoo scheme recognized by the GSDCA and taken in accordance with the GSDCA regulation for acceptance of x-ray plates or digital x-rays (*Refer to GSDCA Regulation titled Acceptance of x-ray plates and computer radiography generated images(digital x-rays).*)
- The x-ray and the prescribed fee shall be forward to the GSDCA President.
- The x-ray will be forwarded to a Veterinary Dentist for a professional opinion. Any fees/costs incurred by gaining a professional opinion would be borne by the owner/s of the animal.
- All fees are required to be paid prior to the issuing of the GSDCA Tooth Certificate.
- If the GSDCA Tooth Certificate is to be issued, the GSDCA President shall laminate and forward to the owner.
- Notification of the issue of a GSDCA Tooth Certificate shall be forwarded to the National Breed Commission Chairman to be placed on record.
- A copy of the professional opinion will be forwarded to the owner regardless of the result.

Certificates will only be issued where a tooth or teeth have been removed or are not visible from above the gum line.

The onus of proof shall be squarely upon the owner of the dog to prove absolutely beyond all doubt that the said tooth was a normal healthy adult (secondary) tooth.



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**VERIFICATION OF DOCUMENTATION FOR ALL IMPORTED ANIMALS
PRIOR TO ENTRY TO THE GSDCA NATIONAL BREED SURVEY SCHEME (as at July 2005).**

Forward to the National Breed Commission Chairman details of animals imported into Australia.

It is requested that owners of newly imported dogs and bitches provide the Breed Commission Chairman with a copy of pedigree and any relevant information (1996).

Titles/ classification to be verified for imported animals.

- Tattoo number.
- Pass in a GSDCA approved evaluation scheme for hips and elbows.
- Previous breed survey classification in a GSDCA recognised Breed Survey Scheme.

Procedure to follow for imported animals to participate in breed survey (as at July 2005).

Any animal with a recognised imported title/classification as detailed above prior to entry into GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme provide the following documentation to the National Breed Commission Chairman.

1. A title verification form is issued by the National Breed Commission Chairman to the owner of the said animal.
2. The completed title verification form is returned to National Breed Commission Chairman with a copy of the overseas pedigree and a copy of any titles or breed survey classifications.
3. The National Breed Commission Chairman shall verify the required information per the SV Breed Survey Books or Genetics Disc, etc.
4. The National Breed Commission Chairman will notify in writing the owner of the imported animal that the titles have been verified and a copy of the letter included with the application for breed survey.

Should any discrepancy arise then the SV or controlling body is contacted and any additional fees incurred by this Council shall be the responsibility of the owner of the said animal.