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# BREED SURVEY MANUAL

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## 1 OBJECTIVE OF BREED SURVEY

To promote and offer guidance for the uniform development of the German Shepherd Dog Breed and to improve its inherent working qualities.

Dogs and bitches shall be awarded classification in either Breed Survey Class I or Breed Survey Class II if it is expected that they will contribute to the overall improvement of the breed in Australia.

## 2 CRITERIA FOR CLASSIFICATION

German Shepherd Dogs shall be classified for breeding provided that they meet the following requirements:

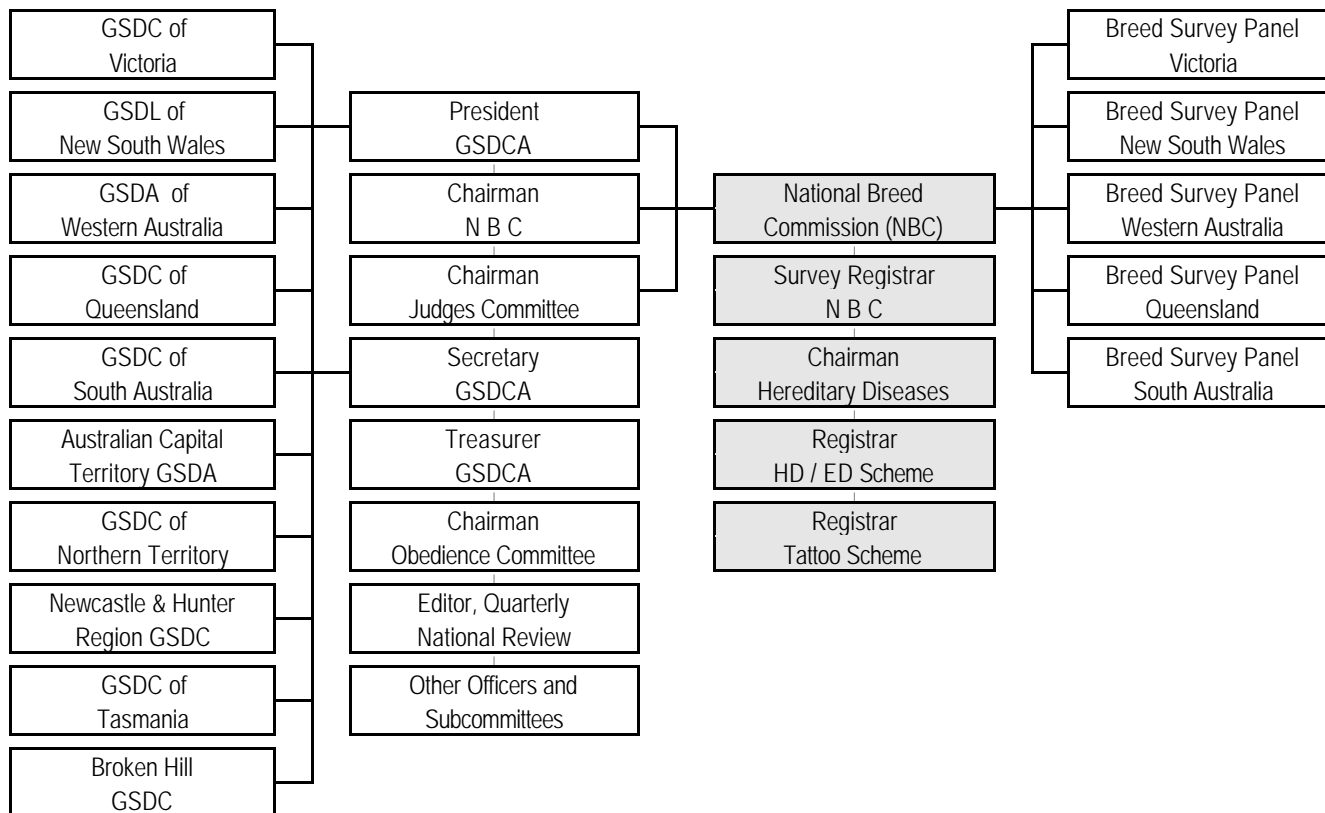
- 2.1 At the date of the survey, the dog or bitch shall have attained the age of no less than eighteen (18) months or no more than eight (8) years.
- 2.2 It is important that only classification be given to dogs and bitches that are temperamentally sound and of above average anatomical structure.
- 2.3 Classified dogs and bitches must not display signs of severe general sickness, nervous disorders or constitutional weakness.
- 2.4 Classified dogs and bitches must not be of an overbred appearance or come from known severe faulty hereditary lines or stock.
- 2.5 Classified dogs and bitches must not have albino characteristics (ie lack of pigmentation and with pink noses, near whites or with near white coats, even with black noses, or dark eyes, or dark nails).
- 2.6 Male dogs with one sided or double sided cryptorchidism, or uneven testicles, or underdeveloped testicles cannot be given classification.

## 3 ABBREVIATIONS

ANKC	Australian National Kennel Control
BS Cl. I	Breed Survey Class I
BS Cl. II	Breed Survey Class II
GSDCA	German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia
NBC	National Breed Commission

## 4 STRUCTURE OF THE BREED SURVEY SCHEME

### 4.1 National Breed Commission Structure



### 4.2 State Breed Surveyor Panels

As at 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2005 the following State Clubs are actively engaged in the National Breed Survey Scheme with resident Breed Surveyors:

VICTORIA - Surveyors: F. Farley, G. Green, A. Henderson, J. M. Neddermeyer, A. Pettenhofer, J. Rodger, V. Tantaro, I. Urie, J. Yuen.

NEW SOUTH WALES - Surveyors: R. Bonello, M. Groth, K. Hedberg, T. Jarvis, G. Stevenson, F. Stokes.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA - Surveyors: J. Fenner, H. Gross-Richardson, R. Knuckey, B. O'Rourke, C. O'Rourke.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA - Surveyors: H. J. Neddermeyer, J. M. Neddermeyer, D. West.

QUEENSLAND - Surveyors: L. Donald, R. Wenham.

Member Clubs without any resident Breed Surveyors have Chief Surveyors appointed by the National Breed Commission Chairman for those States, ie AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY, NORTHERN TERRITORY, NEWCASTLE AND HUNTER REGION, TASMANIA and BROKEN HILL.

## 4 STRUCTURE OF THE BREED SURVEY SCHEME (cont.)

### 4.3 Criteria for Aspiring Breed Surveyors

- 4.3.1 The applicant must be a financial member of an affiliate member club of the GSDCA.
- 4.3.2 The applicant must have owned, exhibited and bred German Shepherd Dogs for a minimum period of six (6) years and his or her breeding activity to have included a minimum of five (5) litters, from which resultant dogs or bitches individually achieved five (5) Breed Survey Classifications, ten (10) 'A' stamps for HD and three (3) Excellent gradings in Specialist Shows.
- 4.3.3 The applicant must have served in an elected position on the committee of an affiliate member club of the GSDCA for a term in excess of two (2) years.
- 4.3.4 The applicant must provide evidence of successful breeding.
- 4.3.5 The applicant, as a ANKC Licensed Show Judge of the German Shepherd Dog, must have passed the GSDCA Specialist Judges Extension Course and have officiated at a minimum of five (5) shows judging adult classes (Junior and up) conducted by associated clubs, as approved by Council, where critiques and gradings were awarded.
- 4.3.6 The applicant must have adhered to their State's and National Council's Codes of Ethics.
- 4.3.7 The applicant must have their application endorsed by a member club of the GSDCA in their State or Territory of domicile. Upon endorsement, the applicant must be recommended by the NBC Executive to the NBC and if Breed Survey status is approved the appointment must be ratified at the next Annual General Meeting of the GSDCA.

### 4.4 Procedure for Aspiring Breed Surveyors

- 4.4.1 Breed Surveyors accredited to the Scheme who do not fulfil the criteria listed in Section 4.3 will remain accredited, but are required to take all reasonable steps to fulfil those criteria, particularly Sub-section 4.3.5.
- 4.4.2 Persons wishing to become Breed Surveyors shall make application to the Chief Surveyor of their State with supporting evidence of fulfilling the pre-requisite criteria listed in Section 4.3.
- 4.4.3 The State Chief Surveyor shall recommend on the application in writing to the NBC Executive. The NBC Executive shall make its recommendation to the full NBC. In turn, the NBC shall confirm its decision in writing to the State Chief Surveyor and the aspiring surveyor.
- 4.4.4 Endorsement of an application by a General Meeting of a member club is necessary.

## 5 DEFINITION OF CLASSIFICATIONS

### 5.1 Breed Survey Class I

German Shepherd Dogs shall be classified Breed Survey Class I (BS Cl. I) provided those dogs and bitches are anatomically and temperamentally **far above** the breed average in this country.

### 5.2 Breed Survey Class II

German Shepherd Dogs shall be classified Breed Survey Class II (BS Cl. II) provided those dogs and bitches are anatomically and temperamentally **above** the breed average in this country, as distinct from FAR ABOVE.

## 6 TERM OF CLASSIFICATION

### 6.1 Period of Classification

The Breed Survey classification presented to a dog or bitch shall be for life, subject to the subsections of 6.2, 6.3 and 6.4 below.

### 6.2 Upgrade of Classification

Dogs or bitches which have been classified as Breed Survey Class II may be represented at any subsequent survey. They shall then be given the opportunity to achieve Breed Survey Class I, provided that their further development is such as to warrant their transfer to that classification.

### 6.3 Deferment of Classification

Dogs or bitches which have been deferred, or have failed to gain classification at a previous Breed Survey, may also be represented at any subsequent survey and must declare the status of any previous Breed Survey application and result for that animal (Refer to GSDCA Form BS 1, Application for Breed Survey).

### 6.4 Review of Classification

Dogs or bitches which have exhibited disqualifying faults contrary to Breed Survey classification and have been penalised accordingly at a Main Breed Exhibition, or National Show will be recalled to survey by the National Breed Commission Executive within six months from the date of the Exhibition or Show.

## **7 IMPORTANT SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS**

### **7.1 Size**

Breed Survey Class I dogs and bitches must be within the limits of 60cms – 66cms for dogs and 55cms - 61cms for bitches.

Breed Survey Class II dogs and bitches must be within the limits of 60cms – 66cms for dogs and 55cms - 61cms for bitches.

### **7.2 Dentition**

Breed Survey Class I dogs and bitches:

Shall not have any missing teeth, but double P1's are allowed.

May have a slightly level bite, but without wear.

Breed Survey Class II dogs and bitches:

May have no more teeth missing than two (2) P1's, or one (1) P1 & one (1) incisor, or one (1) P2.

May have discoloured, or so called distemper teeth, provided the enamel of teeth is still intact.

May have severely worn teeth, this being not only due to age.

Dogs and bitches with other dentition faults, such as, more missing teeth than described above, or with over or undershot mouths are to be denied classification. 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.

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.

### **7.3 Testicles**

Breed Survey Class I and II dogs must be entire, with two apparently normal developed testicles.

### **7.4 Ears**

Breed Survey Class I dogs and bitches should have an ear carriage without fault, however a slight deviation from normal should not be penalised.

Breed Survey Class II dogs and bitches may have small faults of ear carriage.

Dogs and bitches with soft, non-erect ears cannot be classified.

## **7 IMPORTANT SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS (cont.)**

### **7.5 Tail**

Breed Survey Class I dogs and bitches should have a tail carriage without fault, however a slight deviation from normal should not be penalised.

Breed Survey Class II dogs and bitches may have small faults of tail carriage, such as a slightly hooked tail at the point, or a pronounced sideways bending tail.

Dogs with hooked or rolled tails cannot be classified.

### **7.6 Coat**

Breed Survey Class I dogs and bitches shall only have normal coats. The length of the coat may vary from a slightly short coat to a fuller, profuse coat.

Breed Survey Class II dogs and bitches may have small faults of coats occurring, such as wavy coats.

Dogs and bitches with long coats must be denied classification.

### **7.7 Gun Test**

Only those dogs and bitches which will stand firm and sure during the gun test can be admitted to Breed Survey Class I classification.

Only those dogs and bitches which will stand sufficiently firm and sure during the gun test can be admitted to Breed Survey Class II classification.

Dogs and bitches who fail the gun test shall not be admitted to either classification and shall be deemed to have failed the Breed Survey.

### **7.8 Immaturity**

Dogs and bitches which due to their age show immature development may be deferred at the discretion of the Breed Surveyor, if it can be assumed that such dogs will acquire with further good development, the necessary qualities for classification. Such dogs shall not be deemed to have failed the Breed Survey. This decision must be made during the warm up procedure.

### **7.9 Character and Temperament**

For dog and bitches to obtain a Breed Survey Class I or Breed Survey Class II classification, they must be firm and self assured in character. Animals that display any deviation shall be deemed to have failed Breed Survey.

## **7 IMPORTANT SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS (cont.)**

### **7.9 Character and Temperament (cont)**

Dogs or bitches that either show trepidation. Are overly suspicious, are apprehensive, wary, visually fearful, or are aggressive without provocation, shall be deemed to have failed Breed Survey.

### **7.10 Failure**

Dogs and bitches which cannot fulfil the previously described requirements must be denied classification. Where a dog or bitch fails the survey, they may be presented again at any subsequent survey, provided that the GSDCA Form BS 1 (Application for Breed Survey) is filled in correctly, and they must declare the status of any previous Breed Survey application and results for that animal. A false declaration will result in the Breed Survey being declared null and void.

## **8 DATES, VENUES AND NOTIFICATIONS**

### **8.1 Dates**

The regularity of Breed Survey dates will naturally vary from State to State, dependant on the number of dogs and bitches available.

The dates and times to be allocated in a particular State will be determined by the Chief Surveyor in liaison with the State Club concerned and published at the commencement of the year.

Dates for Breed Surveys must be provided to the National Breed Commission Chairman by Clubs for the following year. However for States where there is no domiciled Breed Surveyor, these dates are to be provided to the National Breed Commission Chairman, in writing seeking ratification a minimum of six (6) weeks prior to the proposed survey and should be published in their magazine and on/or the Club Website, twenty one (21) days prior to the Breed Survey.

Scheduled dates, if not needed, may be cancelled with reasonable prior notice to club members.

### **8.2 Venues**

It is of the utmost importance that a suitable venue is selected.

The Breed Survey may be held on a ground that is in use by any other organisation, including a dog club, providing the conduct of the Breed Survey is not compromised.

### **8.3 Notification**

All survey dates, times and venues should be published well in advance.

The Club shall notify owners of German Shepherd Dogs of the Breed Survey date via their Magazine and/or their Club Website, twenty one (21) days prior to the Breed Survey.

## 8 DATES, VENUES AND NOTIFICATIONS (cont)

### 8.4 Acceptances

The cut off point for Breed Survey acceptance shall be not less than seven (7) days prior to the scheduled time and date.

No late submissions shall be accepted.

### 8.5 Advertisement

It shall be a responsibility of the Chief Surveyor in liaison with the Club Survey Registrar and through the Club, to give adequate notice to potential applicants as prescribed above.

## 9 CONDUCT OF A SURVEY

### 9.1 Club Responsibilities

The Chief Surveyor and Club Survey Registrar shall, on receiving the application forms, check to see that all dogs are eligible re age, registration etc., before passing onto the relevant surveyors.

### 9.2 Club Survey Registrar

This position shall be appointed by the Club in conjunction with the Chief Surveyor. The primary task of the Registrar will be to maintain the Club Survey Register and assist in the conduct of Breed Survey events.

### 9.3 Club Breed Survey Register

There shall be a **Breed Survey Register** which shall be kept by the Club Survey Registrar.

This Register shall contain information listed under the following headings:

Survey No	Survey Date	Name of Dog	Sex M/F	KC Reg No	Birth Date	Tattoo No	A stamp Class	Z stamp Class	Survey Class	Breed Surveyor
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Relevant particulars shall be recorded into the **Breed Survey Register** at the conclusion of each Breed Survey Day. Failing classification shall be recorded as 'F'. Recommended for representation shall be recorded as 'RP'.

### 9.4 Equipment Responsibilities

It shall be the responsibility of the Chief Surveyor to ensure the supply of the necessary equipment and forms on the day of the Survey. This may be delegated to or done in conjunction with the Club Survey Registrar. Refer to Sub-section 11.2 for details of equipment required.

## 9 CONDUCT OF A SURVEY (cont)

### 9.5 Confirmation of Breed Survey

The Chief Surveyor shall confirm the event twenty four (24) hours prior to the Survey date with the other Surveyors involved. This may be delegated to the Club Survey Registrar.

### 9.6 Charges Levied

The charge to the owner of the animals being Breed Surveyed shall be uniform by all member Clubs of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia, for the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia, National Breed Survey Scheme.

The charges for the GSDCA National Breed Survey Scheme shall be determined and set by the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc. The levy shall be revised at the annual General Meeting of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc.

The determined fee as from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2006, will be as follows:

Charge to owners via member Clubs	\$30.00 (inc GST)
GSDCA charge to member Clubs	\$22.00 (inc GST)

### 9.7 Maximum Number of Dogs to be Surveyed

The maximum number of dogs to be surveyed in one Survey day is to be determined by each State Chief Surveyor, with the recommended limit being twenty (20) dogs per Surveyor.

### 9.8 Order of Survey

Dogs shall be surveyed prior to bitches.

Should the number warrant a consecutive two day Survey, dogs shall be surveyed on the first day.

At the conclusion of each survey day, the Surveyor in Charge will line up the dogs/bitches presented for the days survey and may begin the final presentation of the dogs surveyed by announcing:

- The total number of dogs/bitches presented.
- The total number of dogs/bitches passing the survey.
- The total number of dog/bitches excused (if any) from the survey.
- The total number of dogs/bitches failing (if any) the survey, including the reason for the failure.
- The total number of dogs/bitches being represented.

The dogs/bitches being presented for the day's survey shall be lined up and the surveyor may successively present the results of their survey on each animal to all present.

The announcement by the Surveyor in Charge as well as the surveyor's statement on the status of the dog/bitch, which cannot subsequently be changed. However, this does not affect any subsequent representation of the dog/bitch under rules 6.2 and 6.4.

## 9 CONDUCT OF A SURVEY (cont)

### 9.9 Processing Breed Survey Forms

The Surveyor in Charge on the day shall prepare a written, signed report of the results of each survey to the National Breed Commission Chairman within 14 days of the survey recording:

Date and location of survey and officiating surveyors.

Name of dogs/bitches presented to the survey and the surveyors name.

The survey results obtained by each dog/bitch. An animal deemed to have failed survey a completed BS 2 form (Notification of Failure) must accompany such dogs.

A list of dogs/bitches represented and the result of the representation – a completed BS 3 form (Notification of re-classification or re-survey) must accompany such dogs.

## 10 ADMITTANCE RULES FOR THE SURVEY

### 10.1 Intrastate Survey

Any pedigreed, Kennel Control registered German Shepherd Dog between the ages of eighteen (18) months and eight (8) years shall be accepted for Breed Survey providing the necessary procedure is adhered to. Refer to Sub-sections 8.4 and 15.1 (Form BS 1).

All dogs shall be presented at the survey to the Breed Surveyor Panel on the allocated date and time.

Dogs who have been entered on Form BS 1 and:

Arrive late and are not accepted for survey on that date, or cannot attend, but tender reasonable apology, shall be automatically allocated to the next survey date at no additional charge.

Do not turn up and furthermore no apology is received, shall forfeit their levy. A further application on Form BS 1 complete with fee must be done to achieve further acceptance.

Previously presented animals to the GSDCA National Breed Survey Scheme must be noted as such by the owner on the GSDCA Form BS 1 (Application for Breed Survey). If in doubt it is the responsibility of the owner to check with the National Breed Commission Chairman. If the animals have been previously presented to Breed Survey, please supply details of such presentation. A false declaration will result in the Breed Survey result being made null and void, and any award that has been achieved as a result of this false declaration will be revoked.

Where a dog has been successfully re-classified or re-surveyed, a Form BS 3 must be attached to the master Breed Survey Work Sheet when it is sent to the Survey Registrar NBC.

### 10.2 Interstate Survey

It is desirable that dogs be surveyed in the State of domicile, however it shall not be compulsory.

## 10 ADMITTANCE RULES FOR THE SURVEY (cont)

### 10.2 Interstate Survey (cont)

Should the owner of a dog wish to have his dog surveyed or resurveyed, he may do so in another state. This may only be done by requesting permission to the relevant State Chief Surveyor and State Breed Survey Panel. GSDCA Form BS 4 (Application for Interstate Survey) is to be used for this purpose.

The GSDCA Form BS 4 must be forwarded together with Form BS 1 to the Club Survey Registrar in the State in which the owner wishes to have his dog surveyed, re-surveyed or re-classified.

No dog is to be surveyed where it is known that the State of domicile is not in the State of Breed Survey, unless an endorsed Form BS 4 has been submitted from the State of domicile.

In the case of a dog being re-classified or re-surveyed and is domiciled in a non surveying State, the Chief Surveyor in the State where the dog is recorded in the Breed Survey Register should be notified as a matter of courtesy.

## 11 SURVEY PROCEDURE

### 11.1 Uniformity of Conduct

It is of the utmost importance that the procedures adopted are uniform throughout Australia. This is part of the national theme to achieve uniform breed development.

Not only should the procedure be identical from State to State, but also the terminology and method of description.

It is the object of this section on Survey Procedure to provide a standard National formula. It is imperative that this formula be adhered to.

Any alteration or deviation from this Breed Survey Procedure should only be made after official approval by the National Breed Commission.

Amendment to the Breed Survey Procedure is done by notification on Form BS 10 to the National Breed Commission, after due consultation with the State Surveyor Panel and Chief Surveyor, whom shall forward that recommendation to the Commission.

### 11.2 General Preparation

As referred to in Sub-section 9.4, it is the responsibility of the State Chief Surveyor and/or Club Survey Registrar to ensure that all necessary equipment is available on the day of survey.

The items required on the day are: Approved metric Measuring Stick/Frame, Suitable metric Cloth Measuring Tape, Suitable 6mm (0.22") Starting Pistol with sufficient blank cartridges, Suitable metric Weighing Scales, Desks and chairs for all Surveyors and the Registrar is preferred, where possible.

## 11 SURVEY PROCEDURE (cont)

### 11.3 Initial General Assessment

As a large number of dogs may be submitted for Breed Survey at one time, it is desirable that for both the convenience of Surveyors and owners, that the qualities of those submitted dogs are acknowledged as early as possible.

The option of including this part in the Breed Survey shall be decided by the State Chief Surveyor, that decision being dependent upon the total number of dogs entered and the number of Surveyors available.

Dogs that on general assessment appear to have the qualities required for classification should be acknowledged as such as early as possible.

Dogs that obviously do not show qualities required for consideration should be similarly acknowledged. ie. If a dog shows faults that cause it to fail classification there is no point in that dog having to go through the whole Breed Survey Procedure.

Dogs that obviously would be better served by re-presentation at a later time should be similarly acknowledged. Factors for this may include condition, injury, etc.,.

This standard preliminary procedure is designed, therefore, to take the aspects of convenience and acknowledgment into account:

The Surveyors shall ask all the dogs being evaluated to line up and begin at a steady walk.

The Surveyors shall place all the dogs in order of anatomical virtue as they walk.

A cut-off point shall be determined by the Surveyors as to where Class II dogs and bitches finish.

Dogs after the cut-off point shall be deemed as having failed the Survey and recorded accordingly in both the Club Survey Register and on Form BS 2.

All accepted dogs shall then be allocated a number and Form BS 6 will be drawn up by the Club Survey Registrar, recording the name of each dog and its number.

Dogs who pass these preliminaries have this information transcribed on to the Breed Survey Work Sheet (Form BS 7). Refer to Sub-section 11.4

After the notifications to owners of dogs that have either failed or been requested to re-present is completed, the Breed Survey proper may then commence.

If once the survey has commenced a surveyor decides that a dog/bitch does not show the required attributes to be successfully surveyed, the surveyor will inform the owner and the dog/bitch may be excused from any further part of the survey.

## 11 SURVEY PROCEDURE (cont)

### 11.4 Preliminary Survey of Basic Criteria

All dogs submitted for survey are to be entered in the Club Survey Register.

In order that a dog may be successfully classified, it must pass certain basic criteria. Until these basic criteria are met, there is no point in heading up a Breed Survey Work Sheet (Form BS 7).

The basic fundamental criteria are covered in this Section and are to be evaluated and recorded on the Preliminary Survey Record (Form BS 6). Once a dog passes these basic criteria a Breed Survey Work Sheet shall then be headed up and these criteria are re-recorded in the appropriate positions.

The Basic Criteria are:

Measurements .....	refer to 11.4.1
Teeth .....	refer to 11.4.2
Testicles .....	refer to 11.4.3
Character & Temperament .....	refer to 11.4.4
Gun Test .....	refer to 11.4.5
'A' Stamp for Hips (Classification CI I) .....	refer to 11.4.6
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Tattoo Verification .....	refer to 11.4.8
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#### 11.4.1 Measurements

The dog shall stand on a flat, level surface with forelegs plumb and shall not be stretched in the rear. Height at withers shall be taken by measuring vertically and plumb from the ground to top of withers directly behind the ulna joint. Three measurements are to be taken and the average recorded. Only the measurement of height is of consequence to acceptance or failure, the other three measurements following below, being taken as a matter of convenience.

The chest depth shall be taken by measuring vertically and plumb from the top of the withers to the underside of the chest directly behind the ulna.

Chest circumference will be measured using a linen tape placed in the centre of the shoulder blades on top of the wither and carried right around the trunk directly behind the ulna. A measurement shall be taken when the tape is pulled tight and also when just firm. The average shall be recorded.

Weight of the dog shall be measured using suitable metric weighing scales and recorded.

## 11 SURVEY PROCEDURE (cont)

### 11.4.2 Teeth

The dog may stand or be placed into a sit position for the teeth to be checked.

For damaged teeth, see Sub-section 7.2. Missing and additional teeth shall be recorded in writing on Form BS 7 under sub-section IV (25) heading, Dentition Faults, and included in the General Description.

### 11.4.3 Testicles

The dog is to be checked carefully to ensure that two apparently normal testicles are fully descended into the scrotum. The testicles must not be abnormally uneven or undeveloped.

### 11.4.4 Character & Temperament

The dog is to be tested to ensure that the character and temperament befits a working dog. The dog is to be confident, fearless and aware. Testing is to be done in a rather natural everyday type situation. No threatening, dramatic gestures are made towards the dog.

#### **Character**

Can be assessed by walking toward the dog from the front in a somewhat slow way and observing the dog's eyes, at the same time, patting and handling the dog if desired. Also, observe the dog prior to his assessment. Observe whilst the dog stands in the crowd and also whilst being measured.

#### **Watchfulness**

This can be assessed prior to the dog advancing, whilst still in the crowd awaiting his turn. Whilst in stance observe if the dog is alert to "every sight and sound" or dead pan and uninterested.

#### **Condition of Nerves**

Is the dog on edge, hypersensitive, or calm, reassured and tranquil. This is direct observation.

#### **Confidence.**

Unmistakable when present. A crowding test is beneficial here. Have two or more people walk around the dog or have the handler walk the dog through a group of people.

## 11 SURVEY PROCEDURE (cont)

### 11.4.5 Gun Test

The test shall be carried out at the conclusion of the temperament and character tests.

The handler shall walk to a designated position and stop without giving the dog a command facing the Surveyors with the dog in stance and on a loose lead. The pistol shall be held pointing downward at the side, and not rear, of the Surveyor. Up to seven (7) dogs at a time may be tested at once.

The pistol shall be fired by the Surveyor or steward, twelve (12) paces from the dog, with a minimum of two (2) shots fired consecutively. A dog who shows a wandering movement or padding will be retested on its own by the firing of more shots.

Dogs must stand sufficiently firm and confident showing no real concern for the shots discharged. The desired reaction is one of total lack of concern.

Gun shy dogs will be those who show obvious discomfort and fear, padding their feet or wandering to and fro and cowering and hiding behind their owner.

### 11.4.6 'A' Stamp for Hips

It will be necessary to produce proof of the GSDCA 'A' stamp (or other approved HD scheme) for Breed Survey Classification (Cl. I or Cl. II).

### 11.4.7 'Z' Stamp for Elbows

It will be necessary to produce proof of the GSDCA 'Z' stamp (or other approved ED scheme) for Breed Survey Classification (Cl. I or Cl. II).

### 11.4.8 Tattoo Verification

It will be necessary to verify the dog's tattoo for Breed Survey Classification. The animal must be tattooed via the GSDCA scheme or any other recognised/approved scheme.

### 11.4.9 Haemophilia Status

It will be necessary to record the dog's haemophilia status (GSDCA Hneg) where applicable.

## 11.5 Findings of Survey - Completion of Breed Survey Work Sheet (Form BS 7)

This form is to be filled out at the completion of Sub-section 11.4 of the Breed Survey Procedure. Ensure that all sections of the form are completed correctly and neatly on the day of survey.

## 11 SURVEY PROCEDURE (cont)

### 11.6 General Description

The summary must always follow the same pattern and order. It must cover the same important basic points. The Surveyor may choose to complete this after the Structural Evaluation section.

As such, the description is rather light and general, but must not be overly critical, nor should it be longwinded or misleading. Any slight faults will be recorded in the breakdown description on the remainder of the work sheet. Remember, your description represents the best breeding stock available! It is this text which will be used by owners for transcribing onto pedigrees. The method is as follows:

#### Size

Determine the size of the dog or bitch by referring to the measurement that was taken:

Dogs (cms) :	Bitches (cms) :	Description :
60 - 61 .....	55 - 56 .....	Small
61 - 62 .....	56 - 57 .....	Under Medium Size
62 - 63 .....	57 - 58 .....	Medium Size
63 - 64 .....	58 - 59 .....	Above Medium Size
64 - 65 .....	59 - 60 .....	Large
65 - 66 .....	60 - 61 .....	Very Large

#### Strength.

Take into consideration the general strength and formation of bone, muscle tone and development, tautness, ligamentation, weight and general condition. Dogs are divided into the following categories:

Description :

- Fine
- Medium Strong
- Strong
- Medium Heavy
- Heavy

#### Proportions

The standard length to height ratio is ideally 10 : 9 to 8.5, whereby the dog is longer than it is high.

Length :	Height :	Description :
10 .....	9.0 .....	Well proportioned
10 .....	8.5 .....	Well proportioned
10 .....	8.0 .....	Long
10 .....	9.5 .....	Rather Square
10 .....	10.0 .....	Square

## 11 SURVEY PROCEDURE (cont)

### Type

This is a general, but accurate description relating to the overall 'type' of the dog. The ideal type being a dog of anatomical proportions and structure that perfectly suits its ability to serve as a working dog.

### Head

The correct proportions of the head, skull as to muzzle, is 50:50 from the stop and parallel to each other. The stop should not be too pronounced. Only make a note of a Roman nose if it's very apparent.

### Pigment

Description of overall pigment is selected from the terms of:

- Well pigmented
- Quite good pigment
- Paling pigment

Where the pigment is not as strong as considered ideal, no mention is to be made at this point.

### Withers

The description of the withers relates to the height of the dorsal vertebrae in relation to the top of the back and croup. It can be expressed by:

- High                    Vertebrae clearly above the top of the back and croup.
- Flat or Level        Vertebrae level with the top of the back and croup.
- Low                    Vertebrae below the top of the back and croup.

### Back

The back must be strong, tight, firm and level both in stance and gait, free of roll, up and down movement, sag or roach. The back, as formed by thoracic and lumbar vertebrae between the rear edge of the dorsal vertebrae (withers) and the forward edge of the croup, should be short and firm.

### Croup

The croup should appear to be an extension of the line of the back. Its angle should not exceed 23 degrees and if approaching 28 degrees is described as steep.

### Front

Look at the dog from the front. If it's barrel ribbed, the toes will turn in. If it is narrow fronted (french front) the toes will turn out excessively. The legs should be straight.

## 11 SURVEY PROCEDURE (cont)

### Forequarter Proportions

The correct proportions from top of withers is 45:55 where 45% of the height is the total depth of the chest and 55% is the length of foreleg. Also note the chest development. The prosternum bone should be just in front of the shoulder joint, not well in front of it.

### Forequarter Angulation

Both the shoulder blade and the upper arm should each be approximately 45 degrees to the horizontal. The upper arm should be slightly longer than the shoulder blade. If the angle is difficult to accurately determine, sit the dog and the bones become more prominent.

### Hindquarter Angulation

To be correctly angulated the upper and lower thigh bones should be approximately of equal length. If the lower thigh is considerably longer, the animal is 'long in lower thigh'. If the lower thigh is shorter, the animal is 'short in lower thigh', and similarly for the upper thigh.

Note: Whilst in stance with hock plumb, the ideally angulated dog should exhibit a make believe plumbline dropped from the root of the tail striking approximately 30 mm in front of the toe. Where the line strikes considerably further in front whilst the hock is plumb, the dog is over angulated.

### Gait

Observe the animal going and coming at a walk and gaiting. Observe both hock and elbows for firmness. Unless there is quite pronounced weakness, do not mention it on the work sheet, especially in young dogs as the ligaments may firm with maturity. Take note of the position of the steps, only record if the steps are narrow or crossing.

Next, gait the dog and observe from the side, paying particular attention to:

- The forequarter assembly and its reach.
- The drive of the hindquarter and its firmness.
- The reach of the hindquarter under the body.
- Firmness of back. Is it level with the ground?
- The croup angle.
- The pasterns, with an angle over 28 degrees, the pasterns should be firmer in movement.
- Overall firmness of ligaments and joints.

### Temperament

Some brief comment on both character and temperament.

## 11 SURVEY PROCEDURE (cont)

### Linking the Observed Attributes

Using these fifteen (15) points and basically in the same sequence, a general description of a Class I dog or bitch could be constructed from the observations of:

medium size,	medium strength,	well proportioned,	very good type,
strong head,	strong pigment,	high withers,	strong back,
quite good croup,	correct in front,	good forequarter proportions,	very good forequarter,
very good hindquarter,	correct going,	correct coming,	strong drive,
far reaching,	back remains firm,	Character and temperament are firm and self assured.	

The General Description of a dog that is in the middle range of CI I could read:

A medium size, medium strong, well proportioned dog of very good type, with strong masculine head and strong pigment. High withers, strong back and quite good croup. Correct in front with good forequarter proportions. Very good forequarter and hindquarter angulations. Moves correct going and coming. The gait is strong and far reaching, during which the back remains firm. Gun sure, character and temperament are firm and self assured.

### 11.7 Particular Virtues and Faults

Note: The points mentioned here are in addition to the general description.

For example, in the sample General Description of the previous Sub-section, 11.6, we describe a well proportioned, well angulated masculine dog with a croup that is quite good.

Perhaps it is desirable to summarise this particular dog's virtues by saying here: "A well proportioned masculine dog who exhibits very good harmony in both stance and gait." or perhaps it may be "a dog with beautiful topline, who exhibits very good balance and harmony in stance and gait."

Also it is desirable to indicate this particular dog's faults or shortcomings by adding: "The croup could ideally be slightly longer and better layed."

### 11.8 Advice for Selection of Breeding Partner

This section contains both recommendations and warnings.

A knowledge of the dog's pedigree should be well understood in order that both dominant and recessive aspects can be considered.

Basically, what is required here, is advice relating to either virtues or faults in the individual that are typical of the bloodline. For example, the dog in question may stand at middle size, but come from stock that was inherently large. We would put here, "suitable only for bitches of medium size".

## 11 SURVEY PROCEDURE (cont)

### 11.8 Advice for Selection of Breeding Partner (cont)

The logic would apply to any other points such as croups, angulations, length, sex characteristics, etc.

Similarly the dog may excel in both forequarter and croup, a valuable dog indeed if it's dominant. Here we could put "recommended for bitches which are not correct in croup and forequarter angulation".

Therefore it is most important that this section should say "Recommended to the bloodlines of ....." or "Connections to the lines of ..... should be an advantage" as per the National Stud Register.

The real value of this section will be determined by the Surveyor's knowledge of both the breed and more importantly, bloodlines.

Note: Sound knowledge of suggested bloodline combinations is vitally important in this area of the survey.

## 12 CLASSIFICATION AND APPEALS

### 12.1 Classification

At the conclusion of the Survey it shall be the responsibility of the Surveyor, to finally hand write and record the classification of the dogs onto the master Work Sheet (Form BS 7). The classification shall be as determined and interpreted from Section 2.

### 12.2 Reclassification

A dog may be submitted for reclassification at any subsequent survey using Form BS I when:

The dog was previously classified Breed Survey Class II.

Where deferred.

Failed a survey and has represented at a subsequent survey.

When in the opinion of a Surveyor the dog or bitch is of such genetic worth that it justifies reclassification. Such reclassification can be made by a Surveyor without formal application to the National Breed Commission for their subsequent approval.

Note: When a dog is submitted for reclassification it may not necessarily go up one classification. The dog may go down, or remain unchanged.

## 12 CLASSIFICATION AND APPEALS (cont)

### 12.3 Declassification

A dog may be declassified where:

The dog has been exhibited at a Main Breed Show, or National Show, and it has been reported to the State Chief Surveyor by the adjudicating judge, or official, or any Breed Surveyor, that said dog exhibited faults when being exhibited, contrary to the said dog's classification (Form BS 5).

Any dog deemed aggressive and suspended by a Canine Control shall have its Breed Survey status removed (Form BS 5). At the end of the period of suspension, when the dog has been re-instated by the Canine Control, the said dog must represent to the local Breed Survey Panel for character and temperament testing in order to get the animals Breed Survey status re-instated.

### 12.4 Appeals

The owner of a dog who may feel he has been unfairly treated or his dog unfairly assessed has the right of appeal through the National Breed Commission Executive, after having appealed to the State Chief Surveyor.

It is the State Clubs Chief Surveyor's responsibility to try to solve any matters such as this.

Should a stalemate situation arise, the Club's Chief Surveyor will provide the history, plus details of the appeal to the National Breed Commission Executive, who shall if deemed appropriate arrange to re-assess the animal.

The dog shall then be presented to at least one member of the National Breed Commission Executive in consultation with where ever possible the original Surveyor and the Chief Surveyor of that particular State and their decision shall be final.

In cases where the owner requests an appeal the costs shall be borne by the owner, where the NBC is requested by Council to review the animal it shall be at the cost of Council.

## 13 ISSUE OF BREED SURVEY DOCUMENTATION

### 13.1 Duties of the Survey Registrar, National Breed Commission

The Registrar shall have the responsibility for the accurate checking, filing and issuing nationally all of the Breed Survey Forms, Work Sheets and Certificates.

The Registrar shall provide all relevant material required for an annual Breed Survey Year Book to be published no later than the month of April of each year,

The Registrar shall attend all meetings held by the National Breed Commission and provide an accurate statement of account at the end of each financial year.

The Registrar shall maintain the "National Breed Survey Register".

Issuing of Breed Survey Certificates:

On receiving the master Breed Survey Work Sheet from the State Club, the Registrar shall check the Survey Sheet to ensure all points are correct. A necessary check shall be to ensure that a dog recorded on the Survey Sheet as "having not been surveyed before", in actual fact has not been previously surveyed. Any anomalies are to be drawn to the attention of the NBC at the next meeting and are not to be processed before then.

The Registrar shall record into the "National Breed Survey Register" all relevant points and from the Register, allocate the GSDCA Survey No. to the "Breed Survey Certificate".

The Registrar shall transpose all information to the "Breed Survey Certificate" plus the inclusion of GSDCA Survey No., H.D. XRay, Elbow X-Ray, Type in the SURNAME of the Surveyor, Sign as Survey Registrar NBC and Affix the official appropriate classification stamp over the registrar's signature.

The master Breed Survey Work Sheet (Form BS 7) shall be filed by the Survey Registrar NBC.

Note: Should a "Breed Survey Certificate" need correcting, it shall only be done by the Survey Registrar NBC.

### 13.2 Issue of the Annual Breed Survey Year Book

It shall be the responsibility of the Survey Registrar NBC to provide relevant data for publishing an annual "Breed Survey Book" which shall contain only classified dogs. The method of publishing shall be determined as required by the National Breed Commission.

Books shall be issued via clubs, to members and the public, in April of each year.

Closing date for inclusion shall be the 30th November of each year.

### **13 ISSUE OF BREED SURVEY DOCUMENTATION (cont)**

#### **13.2 Issue of the Annual Breed Survey Year Book (cont)**

The retail price of the Breed Survey Book shall be recommended by the Survey Registrar NBC to the National Breed Commission and approved by the Executive of the GSDCA.

Additional information such as selected photographs of Surveyed dogs or bitches, Statistics, Breed Charts, etc., shall be included as seen fit by the Survey Registrar NBC and on approval of the Executive GSDCA.

### **14 AMENDMENT OF THE BREED SURVEY MANUAL**

#### **Procedure for Alteration to the Manual**

Any member of a Breed Affairs Sub-Committee may, with endorsement from the State Chief Surveyor put forward a recommendation for an amendment to the Breed Survey Manual.

Should a member place before a Breed Affairs Sub-Committee, a recommendation for amendment and that recommendation is subsequently carried by the majority, Form BS 10 shall be filled in forwarded to the Survey Registrar NBC, who shall have it tabled at a meeting of the National Breed Commission.

Any Breed Surveyor may put forward a recommendation for an amendment to the Breed Survey Manual on Form BS 10 by forwarding copies of it to the Chairman NBC and Survey Registrar NBC, who shall have it tabled at a meeting of the National Breed Commission.

Should the National Breed Commission agree to a change in the Manual a completely new sheet shall be issued to each holder of a Controlled Copy of the Breed Survey Manual to replace the superseded one.

It shall be the responsibility of the Breed Surveyors and Club Survey Registrars to ensure the superseded sheet is removed and replaced in Controlled Copies of the Breed Survey Manual that they may hold. Refer to the Revision Status Record and Instructions.



**15 APPENDICES: FORMS, REGULATIONS AND DEFINITIONS**

**15.1 Application for Breed Survey**

**GSDCA FORM BS 1 ~ APPLICATION FOR BREED SURVEY**

*Please print all details and circle/underline/delete options clearly on this application form !*

To: The Club Survey Registrar / Club Secretary Telephone: ( \_\_ ) \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

Postal Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicants Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: ( \_\_ ) \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

I submit the following animal to the Breed Survey being held on \_\_/\_\_/\_\_\_\_, with the fee of \$\_\_\_\_ enclosed, and declare that this animal has / has not been previously presented to the GSDCA National Breed Survey Scheme. (If in doubt it is the responsibility of the owner to check with the National Breed Commission Chairman). If the animal has been previously presented to Breed Survey please supply details of such presentation.

Name of Dog: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: Male / Female

Born: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_\_\_ KC Reg. No.: ( \_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Tattoo No.: \_\_\_\_\_

HD status: A \_\_\_\_\_ Elbow status: Z \_\_\_\_ R \_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_ Haemophilia status: Hneg Yes / No

I have enclosed copies of the following documentation: ANKC Certificate of Registration, a Five (5) Generation Pedigree and the Certificates / Result Sheets for HD pass, ED pass and Haemophilia Result, as applicable. Failure to provide all of the above documentation with this application will result in the animal being unable to participate in this particular survey. All relevant original documentation must be brought to the Breed Survey and shown to the officiating BREED SURVEYOR.

I agree to abide by the rules and regulations pertaining to the GSDCA National Breed Survey Scheme and consent to the results of this Breed Survey being published in the GSDCA Breed Survey Year Book and on the GSDCA Website. **I understand that a false declaration will result in the Breed Survey result being made null and void and any award that has been achieved as a result of this false declaration will be revoked.**

I agree to submit a coloured photograph on the day of the Breed Survey, or post / e-mail a photo to the NBC Chairperson within 7 days of the Breed Survey.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_\_\_

*This application must reach the Club Survey Registrar no later than seven (7) days prior to the date of the Breed Survey. Only entries on the official GSDCA application form BS 1 will be accepted. The application form is to be retained by the Club Survey Registrar and a copy forwarded to the NBC Chairman with the GSDCA Breed Survey Worksheet.*

**15 APPENDICES: FORMS, REGULATIONS AND DEFINITIONS (cont)**

**15.2 Notification of Failure**

**GSDCA FORM BS 2 ~ NOTIFICATION OF FAILURE**

*Please print all details and circle/underline/delete options clearly on this notification form !*

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Dog: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: Male / Female

Born: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_      KC Reg. No.: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_      Tattoo No.: \_\_\_\_\_

HD status: A \_\_\_\_\_      Elbow status: Z \_\_\_\_\_ R \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_      Haemophilia status: Hneg Yes / No

Name of Owner: \_\_\_\_\_      Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_      Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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The animal, as detailed above, attended a Breed Survey on \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

The owner is advised that the above animal has failed Breed Survey:

**however, can be re-presented at a subsequent Breed Survey, or  
and can not be re-presented at any subsequent Breed Survey.**

*(underline whichever is applicable and delete whichever is not applicable)*

Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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.

Surveyor: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Owner of animal: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Form given/forwarded to the owner of the animal by: \_\_\_\_\_ on Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

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*A copy of this form must be given/forwarded to the owner of the animal as per above.  
A copy of this form must be attached to the GSDCA Breed Survey Work Sheet and forwarded to the NBC Chairman.  
A copy of this form is to be retained in the Club records by the Club Survey Registrar.*



## 15 APPENDICES: FORMS, REGULATIONS AND DEFINITIONS (cont)

### 15.4 Application for Interstate Breed Survey

#### GSDCA FORM BS 4 - APPLICATION FOR INTERSTATE BREED SURVEY

*Please print all details and circle/underline/delete options clearly on this application form !*

To be completed prior to an animal being Breed Surveyed in a State **other than the State of domicile for that animal**. This form is to be used in conjunction with Application Form for Breed Survey (GSDCA Form BS 1).

To: The State Chief Surveyor

Club: German Shepherd Dog Club of \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Dog: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: Male / Female

Born: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ KC Reg. No.: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Tattoo No.: \_\_\_\_\_

HD status: A \_\_\_\_\_ Elbow status: Z \_\_\_\_R\_\_\_\_L\_\_\_\_ Haemophilia status (if applicable): Hneg Yes / No

**I declare that this animal, as detailed above, has / has not been previously presented to the GSDCA National Breed Survey Scheme. (If in doubt it is the responsibility of the owner to check with the National Breed Commission Chairman). If the animal has been previously presented to Breed Survey please supply details of such presentation.**

I request permission to submit the dog for Breed Survey in the State of \_\_\_\_\_ on Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

**I understand that a false declaration will result in the Breed Survey result being made null and void and any award that has been achieved as a result of this false declaration will be revoked.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

The State Breed Surveyor Panel and I have considered the application, as detailed above, and have no objection to this dog's Interstate Breed Survey.

Chief Surveyor: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

*This application must reach the Chief Surveyor in the dogs State of domicile at least fourteen (14) days prior to the closing date of the Breed Survey, so this form may be forwarded to the State Chief Surveyor conducting the survey. This form must be attached to the Breed Survey Worksheet and forwarded to the NBC Chairman for processing. A copy of this form must be retained in the Club records by the Club Survey Registrar.*

**15 APPENDICES: FORMS, REGULATIONS AND DEFINITIONS (cont)**

**15.5 Recommendation for Breed Survey De-Classification**

**GSDCA FORM BS 5**

**RECOMMENDATION FOR BREED SURVEY DE-CLASSIFICATION**

*Please print all details and circle/underline/delete options clearly on this recommendation form !*

To: NBC Chairman

From: Club Survey Registrar

Club: German Shepherd Dog Club of \_\_\_\_\_

The State Chief Surveyor and State Breed Surveyor Panel have considered and consequently recommends that the dog, as detailed below, be recalled for possible de-classification of Breed Survey status.

Name of Dog: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: Male / Female

Born: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ KC Reg. No.: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Tattoo No.: \_\_\_\_\_

HD status: A \_\_\_\_\_ Elbow status: Z \_\_\_\_\_ R \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ Haemophilia status: Hneg Yes / No

Name of Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Current classification is: Breed Survey Class \_\_\_\_\_ Club Survey No. \_\_\_\_\_

Current Breed Survey was done by: Surveyor: \_\_\_\_\_ on Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Current Breed Survey was conducted by: German Shepherd Dog Club of \_\_\_\_\_

Reason: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Surveyor: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Club Survey Registrar: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

*This form is to be attached to the master hand written Breed Survey Work Sheet and then forwarded to the Survey Registrar NBC. A copy of this form is to be retained by the Club Survey Registrar.*

**15 APPENDICES: FORMS, REGULATIONS AND DEFINITIONS (cont)**

**15.6 Preliminary Survey Record**

**GSDCA FORM BS 6  
PRELIMINARY SURVEY RECORD**

*Please print all details and circle/underline/delete options clearly on this preliminary survey form !*

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Dog: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: Male / Female  
 Born: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ KC Reg. No.: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Tattoo No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 HD status: A \_\_\_\_\_ Elbow status: Z \_\_\_\_\_ R \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ Haemophilia status: Hneg Yes / No  
 Sire: \_\_\_\_\_ Dam: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 State: \_\_\_\_\_ Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

The dog, as detailed above, has:

Height at withers: \_\_\_\_\_cm Depth of chest: \_\_\_\_\_cm Chest circumference: \_\_\_\_\_cm Weight: \_\_\_\_\_kg

Dentition: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Character: trustworthy, reliable, lively, good-natured, sl. dull, sl. aggressive  
 Watchfulness: very alert, alert, sl. disinterested, disinterested  
 Condition of nerves: firm, sufficiently firm, sl. overexcited  
 Confidence: self-assured, outgoing, sl. reserved, sl. uneasy  
 Reaction to gun test: self-assured, indifferent, sl. concerned

*(underline whichever is applicable)*

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Surveyor: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Club Survey Registrar: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

*This form is to be retained by the Club Survey Registrar.*

**15 APPENDICES: FORMS, REGULATIONS AND DEFINITIONS (cont)**

**15.7 Breed Survey Work Sheet - Side 1**

**GSDCA FORM BS 7 ~ BREED SURVEY WORK SHEET (Front - Side 1)**

**BREED SURVEY WORK SHEET**

GSDCA Survey No: \_\_\_\_\_ Club Survey No: \_\_\_\_\_ Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Survey Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**NAME of DOG:** \_\_\_\_\_ Breed Survey Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Tattoo No: \_\_\_\_\_

Reg.No: ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Titles: \_\_\_\_\_ Hip Classification: A \_\_\_\_ R \_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_

Hneg. Certificate No: \_\_\_\_\_ Elbow Classification: Z \_\_\_\_ R \_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_

Grand Sire: \_\_\_\_\_

SIRE: \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Dam: \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Sire: \_\_\_\_\_

DAM: \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Dam: \_\_\_\_\_

Linebreeding: \_\_\_\_\_

Breeder: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Original Documents and Tattoo have been verified by: Breed Surveyor:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**I. GENERAL INFORMATION :**

(1) Height at Withers: \_\_\_\_\_ cm (2) Depth of Chest: \_\_\_\_\_ cm (3) Chest Circumference: \_\_\_\_\_ cm (4) Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ kg.

(5) Pigment: strong, good, sufficient, paling.

(6) Coat: normal, sl. long, sl. short, sl. wavy, sl. broken.

(7) Colour & Markings: \_\_\_\_\_

(8) Testicles: well developed, small, uneven, or not applicable.

**II. GENERAL DESCRIPTION :** defining the general appearance and constitution, size, strength, proportions, type, structure, angulations, movement, firmness of back and joints, character, temperament and gun sureness: \_\_\_\_\_

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**III. TEMPERAMENT TEST AND GUN SURENESS :**

(1) Character: trustworthy, reliable, lively, good natured, sl. dull, sl. aggressive.

(2) Watchfulness: very alert, alert, sl. disinterested, disinterested.

(3) Condition of Nerves: firm, sufficiently firm, sl. overexcited.

(4) Confidence: self assured, outgoing, sl. reserved, sl. uneasy.

(5) Reaction to Gun Test: self assured, indifferent, sl. concerned.



**15 APPENDICES: FORMS, REGULATIONS AND DEFINITIONS (cont)**

**15.8 Regulations for Breed Surveys and Specialist Shows**

**GSDCA FORM BS 8  
 REGULATIONS FOR BREED SURVEYS AND SPECIALIST SHOWS**

The following table summarises items to be observed by Breed Surveyors and Specialist Judges when assessing the potential of a German Shepherd Dog for Classification at a Breed Survey or Grading at a Specialist Show.

BS Classification	Show Grading	Item/Description	Source
<b>BS Cl. I</b>	<b>Excellent</b>	Faultless, gapless, healthy dentition. May have slightly level bite, but without wear.	Standard
		Double P1's allowed.	GSDCA
		Maximum size is 66 cms for dogs and 61 cms for bitches.	Standard
		Minimum size is 60 cms for dogs and 55 cms for bitches.	Standard
		Character and temperament is firm and self assured. Gun sure.	Standard
		A stamp and Z stamp.	GSDCA
<b>BS Cl. II</b>	<b>Very Good</b>	Not quite correct scissor bite.	Standard
		Missing one only Premolar 1 or Molar 4 or Incisor.	Standard
		Slightly level bite.	Standard
		Slightly worn teeth, not due to age.	GSDCA
		Maximum size is 66 cms for dogs and 61 cms for bitches.	Standard
		Minimum size is 59 cms for dogs and 54 cms for bitches.	Standard
		Character and temperament is firm and self assured. Sufficiently firm on the gun test.	Standard
	'A' and 'Z' stamp.	GSDCA	
	<b>Good</b>	Missing two only Premolar 1's or one only premolar 2.	GSDCA
		Missing one only Premolar 1 plus one only Incisor.	GSDCA
		Maximum size is 66 cms for dogs and 61 cms for bitches.	Standard
		Minimum size is 59 cms for dogs and 54 cms for bitches.	Standard
		Character and temperament is firm and self assured. Gun sure.	Standard
		'A' and 'Z' stamp.	GSDCA
<b>Fail</b>	<b>Good</b>	Missing one only Premolar 3.	GSDCA
		Missing two only Incisors or two only Premolar 2's.	GSDCA
		Missing one only Premolar 2 plus one only Incisor.	GSDCA
		Missing one only Premolar 2 plus one only Premolar 1.	GSDCA
	<b>Ungraded</b>	Missing one only Premolar 3 plus one further tooth.	Standard
		Missing one only Canine or one only Premolar 4.	Standard
		Missing one only Molar 1 or 2. Missing three or more teeth altogether.	Standard
		Bite is Level, or Undershot 2 mm or more, or Overshot.	Standard
		More than 1 cm over or under size.	Standard
		Character and temperament is not firm and self assured. Not Gun sure.	Standard
		Albinism. Long double coat. Long coat without undercoat.	Standard
		Not two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.	Standard

## 15 APPENDICES: FORMS, REGULATIONS AND DEFINITIONS (cont)

### 15.9 Definitions for Breed Surveys and Specialist Shows

#### GSDCA FORM BS 9 DEFINITIONS FOR BREED SURVEYS AND SPECIALIST SHOWS

Additional explanatory notes to the Regulations for Breed Surveys and Specialist Shows.

#### **Faultless, Gapless, Healthy Dentition**

Teeth are all fully developed with correct scissor bite, regular spacings and no wear to the incisors. The teeth and gums are clean and healthy.

#### **Double P1's Allowed**

Double P1's are allowed, but care should be taken not to mistake this dentition for a single P1 with an underdeveloped P2 when the P2 is actually missing.

#### **Maximum and Minimum Sizes for Dogs and Bitches**

Height measurements must be sufficiently accurate so as to be not doubtful. When measuring, ensure the dog is standing normally or "four square", with forelegs perpendicular to the ground and neck at a normal position in accordance with the Breed Standard. The adjustable bar of the measuring stick shall be rested firmly, without undue pressure, on the point of the withers. The measurement must be one that will be repeated by other Surveyors or Judges and not be open to constant dispute.

#### **Character and Temperament is Firm and Self Assured**

Ideally the German Shepherd Dog is outgoing and fearless. This must be epitomised in a Breed Survey Class I or an Excellent Grading. Dogs or bitches that either show trepidation, are overly suspicious, are apprehensive, wary, visually fearful, or are aggressive without provocation, shall not be Breed Survey Classified or Graded at a Specialist Show.

#### **"A" stamp, "Z" stamp**

Require status documentation as provided under the official schemes of the GSDCA.

#### **Gun Sure**

A gun sure dog normally reacts to the gun shot by standing in one spot and either, being alerted, or showing a lack of interest. A gun shy dog adversely reacts to the gun shot by not standing in one spot and either, moves around, jumps up on the handler, walks around the handler, hyperventilates, moves closer to the ground, looks fearful and anxious, sits or cringes. If the dog moves retest. The major assessment is stability to the discharge sound.

**15 APPENDICES: FORMS, REGULATIONS AND DEFINITIONS (cont)**

**15.10 Amendment of the Breed Survey Manual**

**GSDCA FORM BS 10  
 AMENDMENT OF THE BREED SURVEY MANUAL**

*Please print all details and circle/underline/delete options clearly on this application form !*

To: The Chairman NBC  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 State: \_\_\_\_\_ Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

From: Surveyor: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: German Shepherd Dog Club of \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Recommended Amendment**

Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Description: \_\_\_\_\_ Page: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposal: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Surveyor: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_  
 Chief Surveyor: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

**Summary of NBC Action**

The amendment, as detailed above, has / has not been Endorsed by the National Breed Commission.

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Chairman NBC: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Survey Registrar NBC: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

*This form is to be forwarded to the NBC Chairman.*