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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 (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).
- 2.6 Male dogs with one sided or double sided cryptorchidism, or uneven testicles, or underdeveloped testicles cannot be given classification.
- 2.7 Animals born after 1 July 2011 to be classified at breed survey must not have any linebreeding closer than (3-2) or (2-3)

3 ABBREVIATIONS

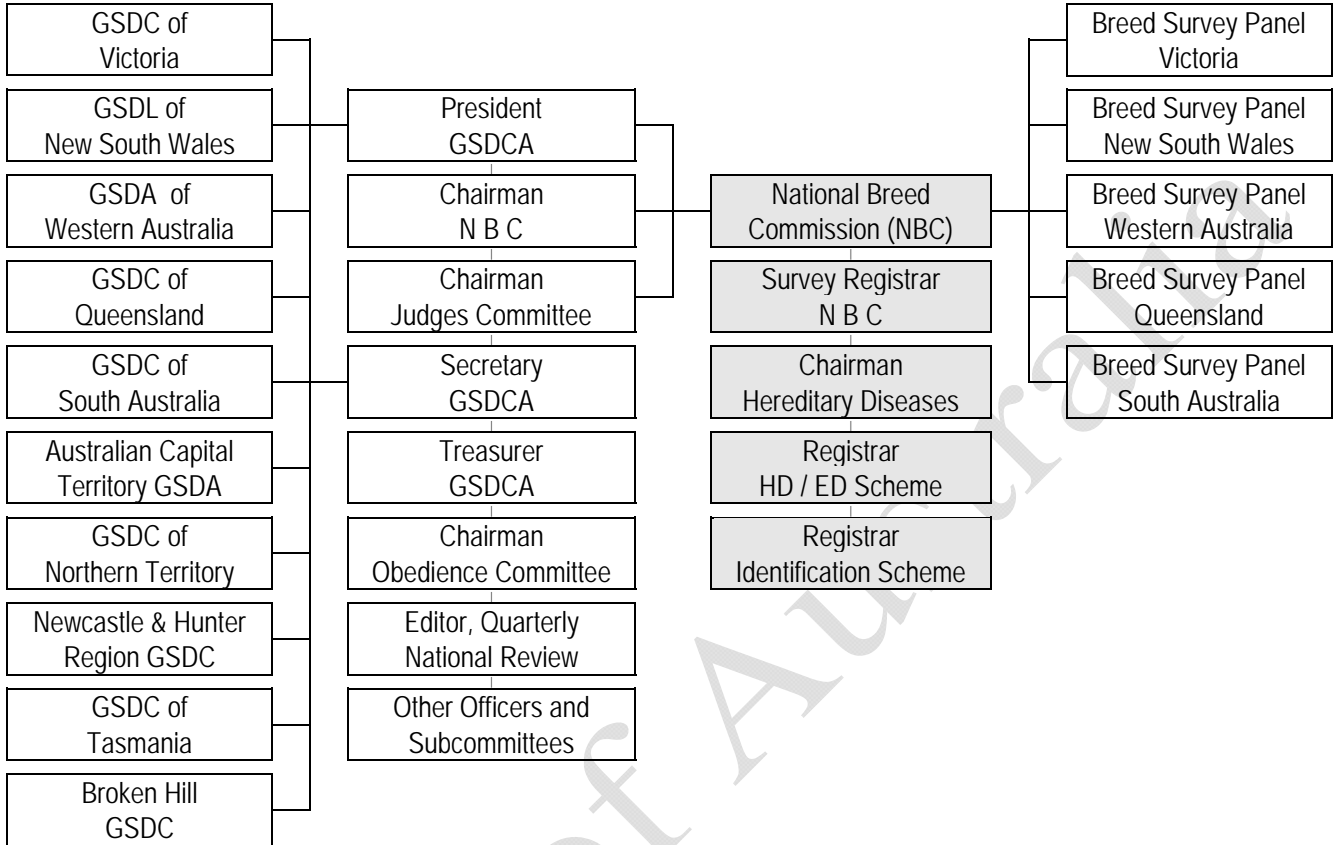
ANKC	Australian National Kennel Council Ltd
BS Cl. I	Breed Survey Class I
BS Cl. II	Breed Survey Class II
GSDCA	German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia
NBC	National Breed Commission
SBSC	State Breed Survey Co-ordinator



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4 STRUCTURE OF THE BREED SURVEY SCHEME

4.1 National Breed Commission Structure



4.2 State Breed Surveyor Panels

Refer to GSDCA Breed Survey Manual Attachment 'A'

Member Clubs without any resident Breed Surveyors have State Breed Survey Coordinators appointed by the National Breed Commission Chairman for those States, i.e. Australian Capital Territory, Northern Territory, Newcastle and Hunter Region, Tasmania and Broken Hill.

4.3 Criteria for Aspiring Breed Surveyors

Refer to GSDCA Breed Survey Manual Attachment 'B'



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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.

5.3 Imported animals shall retain the classification awarded by their country of domicile.

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 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).



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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 are preferred to stand within the limit of 60/66cms for dogs and 55/61cms for bitches.

All animals that are outside this size range and are considered to be of above average anatomical worth may be considered for Class II, and the height as measured shall be recorded on the Breed Survey Certificate with the Warning and Recommendation that extreme care must be taken when considering breeding from this animal.

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 Tooth 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.



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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

German Shepherd Dog – Stock 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.

German Shepherd Dog - Long Stock Coat

Long double coat (Long Stock Coat): Long, soft, topcoat not lying closely, with undercoat feathering on ears and legs, bushy breeches and bushy tail forming flags below.

.Long Coat: Long, soft top coat without undercoat, usually with a parting down the middle of the back, flags on ears and legs and tail. Dogs and bitches with long coats (without undercoat) 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 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.



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7 IMPORTANT SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS (cont.)

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.

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.

Dogs and bitches displaying continuous aggressive behaviour towards other animals at the breed survey are to be excused from the breed survey with the agreement of the officiating breed surveyors on the day. The owners are to be requested to work /socialise the animal to reduce the level of aggression towards other animals. The animal may be represented to breed survey at a later date. The findings re the aggressive behaviour should be noted on the GSDCA BS7 worksheet.

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 previous result of the presentation of the animal to breed survey is declared on the GSDCA Form BS 1 (Application for Breed Survey) and a copy of the signed GSDCA Form BS 2 (Notification of Failure) accompanies the GSDCA Form BS1 (Application for Breed Survey). 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 State Breed Survey Coordinator in liaison with the GSDCA Member Club concerned and published at the commencement of the year.

Dates for Breed Surveys must be provided to the National Breed Commission Chairman by GSDCA Member Clubs for the following year. However for states where there is no domiciled GSDCA 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.



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8 DATES, VENUES AND NOTIFICATIONS (continued)

8.3 Advertisement

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.

8.4 Acceptances

The cut off point for receipt of the GSDCA Form BS1 (Application for Breed Survey) shall not be less than seven (7) days prior to the scheduled time and date.

No late submissions shall be accepted.

8.5 Notification

It shall be a responsibility of the SBSC/Secretary prior to the commencement of the breed survey year to notify the NBC Chairman of the proposed dates of breed surveys to be conducted throughout the forthcoming year. (Refer to 8.1)

9 CONDUCT OF A SURVEY

9.1 Club Responsibilities

The State Breed Survey Co-ordinator and Club Survey Registrar shall, on receiving the GSDCA Form BS1, confirm 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 State Breed Survey Co-ordinator. The primary task of the Club Survey Registrar shall be to maintain the Club Survey Register and assist in the conduct of the breed survey.

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 Microchip	A stamp Class	Z stamp Class	Survey Class	Breed Surveyor	Variety Coat Type
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Relevant particulars shall be recorded into the **Breed Survey Register** at the conclusion of each breed survey. 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 State Breed Survey Co-ordinator 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.



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9 CONDUCT OF A SURVEY (cont)

9.5 Confirmation of Breed Survey

The State Breed Survey Co-ordinator 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 GSDCA 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 charge shall be revised at the Annual General Meeting of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc.

"For the determined fees relative to GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme, please refer to the "GSDCA Schedule of Fees" on the GSDCA Website.

9.7 Order of Survey

Dogs shall be surveyed prior to bitches.

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.

9.8 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 fourteen (14) days of the survey detailing the following:-

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.



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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 (GSDCA 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 GSDCA 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 GSDCA 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 GSDCA Breed Survey Work Sheet when it is sent to the NBC Chairman/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.

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 advising the relevant State Breed Survey Co-ordinator, GSDCA Form BS 4 (Application for Interstate Survey) is to be used for this purpose. In cases of regional anomalies there shall be discussion between the NBC Chairman and the GSDCA Member Club to ensure that common sense prevails.

The GSDCA Form BS 4 must be forwarded together with GSDCA 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 GSDCA 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 State Breed Survey Co-ordinator in the state where the dog is recorded in the Breed Survey Register should be notified as a matter of courtesy.



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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 NBC Chairman.

11.2 General Preparation

As referred to in Sub-section 9.4, it is the responsibility of the State Breed Survey Co-ordinator 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, Microchip scanner, Desks and chairs for all GSDCA Breed Surveyors and the Registrar is preferred, where possible. The approved stick the measurement of which has been annually checked by a designated club official.

11.3 Initial General Assessment

The GSDCA Breed Surveyors shall ask all the animals entered in the breed survey to undertake a warm up lap. 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 decision must be made during the warm up procedure.

The preliminaries will be conducted in the following order:-

Tattoo/Microchip Verification refer to 11.4.1
Teeth refer to 11.4.2
Testicles refer to 11.4.3
Measurements refer to 11.4.4

The animals shall return to the ring for the gaiting exercise, dogs followed bitches.

The GSDCA Breed Surveyors shall place all dogs and bitches in order of anatomical virtue as they walk. While maintaining the dogs followed by bitches.



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A cut-off point shall be determined by the GSDCA Breed Surveyors as to where Class 1 dogs and bitches and Class II dogs and bitches finish. In the case of imported animals there shall be placed in order of anatomical virtue.

Followed by the temperament and character test and then the gun test.

Animals deemed as having failed the breed survey shall be recorded accordingly in both the Club Survey Register and on GSDCA Form BS 2 which shall be attached to the GSDCA BS7 worksheet and forwarded to the NBC Chairman/NBC Registrar for recording purposes. No general description or underlining is to be completed on the GSDCA BS7 form.

11.4 Preliminary Survey of Basic Criteria

All dogs submitted for survey are to be entered in the Club Survey Register and a Club Survey Number issued.

Prior to the day of the breed survey a GSDCA BS7 Worksheet is to be completed by the State Breed Survey Registrar together with the GSDCA BS Form 1 (Application for Breed Survey), a copy of the ANKC Registered pedigree, a five generation pedigree, confirmation of GSDCA 'A' and 'Z' results or any other recognised GSDCA official scheme, GSDCA Hneg certificate (if applicable) and shall be available on the day of breed survey.

The Basic Criteria are:

Tattoo/Microchip Verification.....	refer to 11.4.1
Teeth.....	refer to 11.4.2
Testicles.....	refer to 11.4.3
Measurements.....	refer to 11.4.4
Character & Temperament.....	refer to 11.4.5
Gun Test.....	refer to 11.4.6
'A' Stamp for Hips (Classification CI I).....	refer to 11.4.7
'A' Stamp for Hips (Classification CI II).....	refer to 11.4.7
'Z' Stamp for Elbows (Classification CI I).....	refer to 11.4.8
'Z' Stamp for Elbows (Classification CI II).....	refer to 11.4.8
Haemophilia Status.....	refer to 11.4.9

11.4.1 Tattoo/ Microchip Verification

Tattoo Verification

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

Microchip Verification

It will be necessary to verify the dog's microchip for Breed Survey Classification

Should a discrepancy be found with the tattoo number and/or microchip number the animal must take no further part in the breed survey.



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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. Undeveloped, partly discoloured, missing and additional teeth shall be recorded in writing on GSDCA 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 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 withers 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.

11.4.5 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.



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11 SURVEY PROCEDURE (con'd)

Confidence.

Unmistakable when present. A crowd 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. The handler and dog will then return and stand in the middle of the crowd until asked to leave.

11.4.6 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 standing 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 GSDCA Breed Surveyor or steward, twelve (12) paces from the dog, with a minimum of two (2) shots fired consecutively. A dog that 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.

11.4.7 'A' Stamp for Hips

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

11.4.8 'Z' Stamp for Elbows

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

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.

11.6 General Description

The summary must always follow the same pattern and order. It must cover the same important basic points.

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.



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Remember, your description represents the best breeding stock available! It is this text which will be used by owners for transcribing onto pedigrees. The general description and the underlining must be consistent.

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 *
Above 66cms	Above 61cms	Oversize**

* Under Particular Virtues and Faults (Standing on the upper limit of size)

** Under Particular Virtues and Faults (Oversize and breed warnings)

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



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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 its 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.

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.



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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.

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, slightly short and slightly steep croup, correct in front, good forequarter proportions, very good forequarter angulation, very good hindquarter angulation, correct going, correct coming, strong drive, far reaching, back remains firm, Character and temperament are firm and self assured.



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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 slightly short, steep croup.

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

Dogs that measure over 65cms and bitches that measure over 60cms shall be described in Section V Particular Virtues and Faults as standing on the upper limit of size.

Dogs that measure over 66cms and bitches that measure over 61cms shall be described in Section V Particular Virtues and Faults as oversize.

11.8 Advice for Selection of Breeding Partner

This section must be completed by the GSDCA Breed Surveyor and contains both recommendations and warnings.

Any animals that have a parent or grandparent with an elbow grading of Grade Two, shall have a warning in Section VI Advice for Selection of a Breeding Partner.

It shall be as reads:-

To consolidate his/her normal elbow results only suitable for sires/bitches with normal elbows.

This practice was discussed and agreed by all GSDCA Breed Surveyors at the 2006 NBC Meeting in Adelaide.

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".

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



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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"

The real value of this section will be determined by the GDDCA Breed 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 GSDCA Breed 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 GSDCA 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.

12.3 Declassification

A dog may be declassified where:

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.



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Declassification of a dog may be considered if the Breed Survey Panel, in conjunction with the State Breed Survey Co-ordinator, in the dog's state of domicile, feel that the said dog has demonstrated such serious faults or detrimental breed influences that they feel it necessary to recommend the dog be recalled for possible declassification.

In such cases, the State Breed Survey Co-ordinator shall provide a GSDCA BS5 Form, plus relevant data to the National Breed Commission Chairman who shall after consultation with the National Breed Commission Executive arrange for said dog to be recalled for re-evaluation by the NBC Executive, whose classification shall be final.

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 Breed Survey Co-ordinator.

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

Should a stalemate situation arise, the State Breed Survey Coordinator 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 GSDCA Breed Surveyor and the State Breed Survey Coordinator 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 Executive 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 NBC Chairman / Registrar shall have the responsibility for the accurate checking, filing and issuing nationally all of the Breed Survey Forms, Work Sheets and Certificates.

The NBC Chairman / 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 NBC Chairman / 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 NBC Chairman/Registrar shall maintain the "National Breed Survey Register".



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Issuing of Breed Survey Certificates:

On receiving the master Breed Survey Work Sheet from the State Club, the NBC Chairman . NBC 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

The NBC 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. X-Ray, Elbow X-Ray, Type in the SURNAME of the Surveyor, Sign as Survey Registrar NBC and affix the official appropriate classification stamp.

The master Breed Survey Work Sheet (Form BS 7) shall be filed by the National Breed Commission Chairman/Survey Registrar.

Note: Should a "Breed Survey Certificate" need correcting, the original GSDCA Breed survey Certificate must be returned to the NBC Chairman for alteration.

13.2 Issue of the Annual Breed Survey Year Book

It shall be the responsibility of the NBC Chairman/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. New regulation

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

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

A coloured photograph is to be submitted on the day of the breed survey, or post/e-mail a coloured photograph to the NBC Chairman within seven (7) days of the Breed Survey;

Additional information such as, statistics, breed charts, etc., shall be included as seen fit by the NBC Chairman and on approval of the Executive GSDCA.



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14 AMENDMENT OF THE BREED SURVEY MANUAL

Procedure for Alteration to the Manual

Any GSDCA Breed Surveyor may put forward a recommendation for an amendment to the Breed Survey Manual by placing an item on the NBC Agenda.

Should the National Breed Commission agree to a change in the GSDCA Breed Survey Manual the proposed change shall be placed on the GSDCA AGM Agenda for ratification and approval.

The proposed changes to the GSDCA Breed Survey Manual/procedures passed at a NBC Meeting are to be detailed individually on the GSDCA Agenda and are to be considered and voted upon on a point-by-point basis by the member Clubs.

When the changes have been approved at the GSDCA AGM a revised pdf copy of the GSDCA Breed Manual shall be circulated to all GSDCA Breed Surveyors, GSDCA Member Clubs and a copy placed on the GSDCA Website.

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15.8 Regulations for Breed Surveys and Specialist Shows

GSDCA FORM BS 8 -REGULATIONS FOR BREED SURVEYS

The following table summarises items to be observed by GSDCA Breed Surveyors when assessing the potential of a German Shepherd Dog for Classification at a Breed Survey.

BS Classification	Item/Description	Source
BS Cl. I	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
	Long stock coat with undercoat	Standard
BS Cl. II	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
	Missing two only Premolar 1's or one only premolar 2.	GSDCA
	Missing one only Premolar 1 plus one only Incisor.	GSDCA
	Over 66cms for dogs and 61cms for bitches. ((Refer to Section 7.1)	GSDCA
	Character and temperament is firm and self assured. Gun sure.	Standard
	'A' and 'Z' stamp.	GSDCA
Long stock coat with undercoat	Standard	
Fail	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
	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 coat without undercoat.	Standard
	Not two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.	Standard



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15.9 Definitions for Breed Surveys and Specialist Shows

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.



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ATTACHMENT A - STATE BREED SURVEY PANELS

As at 31st December, 2013 the following State Clubs are actively engaged in the National Breed Survey Scheme with resident Breed Surveyors:

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

QUEENSLAND - Surveyors: L Donald, B O'Rourke, C O'Rourke, R. Wenham,

SOUTH AUSTRALIA - Surveyors: J Butterfield, C Collins, S Collins, P Flynn, J. M. Neddermeyer, J Pike, D. West.

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

WESTERN AUSTRALIA - Surveyors: J. Fenner, H. Gross-Richardson, B Knight, R. Knuckey,

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ATTACHMENT B – ASPIRING BREED SURVEYORS

4.3 Criteria and Procedure for Aspiring Breed Surveyors

4.3.1 The applicant must be a financial member of a GSDCA Member Club

4.3.2 The applicant must have and provide evidence of:

- a) Owning, exhibiting and breeding German Shepherd Dogs for a period of (10) years his or her breeding activity to have included a minimum of ten (10) litters
- b) Breeding ten (10) animals which have passed the GSDCA National Breed Improvement Schemes
- c) Breeding five (5) individual animals that have received an excellent grading at GSDCA Member Club Specialist Shows or GSDCA approved Shows.

4.3.3 The applicant must provide with their application a resume of their involvement at their club of domicile and /or GSDCA level.

4.3.4 After completing the GSDCA Specialist Judges Extension Course, the applicant must have officiated as a judge at a minimum of five (5) shows as conducted by GSDCA Member Clubs or at approved shows where gradings as approved by the GSDCA are awarded and both written and verbal critiques are given from the junior classes upward.

4.3.5 The applicant must have adhered to their Member Club, Canine Control and the GSDCA Council's Codes of Ethics. A declaration to this effect must accompany the application.

4.3.6 The applicant must have their application endorsed by the Committee of a GSDCA Member Club in their State or Territory of domicile of which they are a member of.

4.3.7 The applicant shall make application which will contain all supporting documentation to the National Breed Commission (NBC) Chairperson.

4.3.8 The application must be received no later than the close of call for agenda items for the NBC Meeting.

4.3.9 The application if accepted will be included as an agenda item for the NBC Meeting.

4.3.10 The NBC Executive will consider the application and will inform the applicant personally before the NBC Chairperson makes a recommendation to the NBC Meeting.

4.3.11 If successful the Aspiring Breed Surveyor shall agree to undertake a twelve (12) month training period to advance their knowledge of the German Shepherd Dog.

4.3.12 The Aspiring Breed Surveyor must attend at least three (3) Breed Surveys in their State or Territory and at each Breed Survey undertake a mock Survey and complete a GSDCA Breed Survey Worksheet independently from the officiating Breed Surveyors on the day.



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- 4.3.13 if three (3) Breed Surveys are not conducted in a twelve (12) month period in the applicant's state of domicile then the applicant may make application to the NBC Chairperson to participate in a Breed Survey in another State or Territory.
- 4.3.14 at the completion of each mock survey and assessment, a review process will be undertaken with the Aspirant and officiating Breed Surveyor.
- 4.3.15 the three (3) assessments cannot be completed under one Breed Surveyor. The process is to be one of mentoring the Aspirant.
- 4.3.16 at the completion of the review process the assessment together with an evaluation report by the officiating Breed Surveyor will be forwarded to the NBC Executive.
- 4.3.17 in cases where an Aspirant fails to meet with a positive evaluation in any one (1) of the three (3) assessments, they will be required to undertake an additional mock survey in order to gain a total of three (3) positive assessments. It must be noted that this may delay the approval process.
- 4.3.18 once the NBC Executive has received three (3) positive assessments the NBC Executive will recommend to the next NBC Meeting that the Aspirant be formally recognised as a GSDCA Breed Surveyor.
- 4.3.19 a resume of the newly appointed Breed Surveyor shall be published in the GSDCA Quarterly Review (QNR) in conjunction with the GSDCA AGM Agenda.
- 4.3.20 the recommendation as approved by the NBC Meeting will then be put forward to be ratified at the next GSDCA Annual General Meeting (AGM).



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GSDCA FORM BS 1 ~ APPLICATION FOR BREED SURVEY – Refer to GSDCA Breed Survey Manual Attachment C

GSDCA FORM BS 2 ~ NOTIFICATION OF FAILURE – Refer to GSDCA Breed Survey Manual Attachment D

GSDCA FORM BS 3 ~ NOTIFICATION OF RE-CLASSIFICATION OR RE-SURVEY – Refer to GSDCA Breed Survey Manual – Attachment E (To be reviewed at the 2014 NBC Meeting)

GSDCA FORM BS 4 ADVICE OF AN INTERSTATE BREED SURVEY – Refer to GSDCA Breed Survey Manual – Attachment F

GSDCA FORM BS 5 -RECOMMENDATION FOR BREED SURVEY DE-CLASSIFICATION – Refer to GSDCA Breed Survey Manual Attachment G (To be reviewed at the 2015 NBC Meeting)

GSDCA FORM BS 7 ~ BREED SURVEY WORK SHEET– Refer to GSDCA Breed Survey Manual Attachment H