



ATTACHMENT "B"

A discussion paper on revisiting the of the GSDCA State Breed Exhibition and the uniform rules pertaining to their conduct.

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Rationale:

The GSDCA State Breed Exhibition (SBE) was introduced initially to meet the GSDA WA requirement to have an event that could serve as a tool for breed direction because of the tyranny of distance their membership was disadvantaged as to participation at the Main Breed Exhibition. Initially, this event was restricted to be conducted in that State however it was later accepted by other member Clubs as it was a tool to complemented the Main Breed Exhibition, as it was conducted with the same ideals and purpose Further it gave Member Clubs another "show" that by canine control rules was not deemed as one.

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The NBC Executive is of the opinion that despite the SBE being run annually by a number of member clubs that 'local;' rules apply and in fact one could easily demonstrate that the special awards as introduced to highlight and reward animals that are of a high anatomical worth and or who are proven producers has been devalued by awarding such awards without due consideration to overall quality and type.

The NBC Executive ask you please consider the discussion paper and partake in open discussion regarding how best can we make the GSDCA SBE an essential and relevant tool to better promote breed improvement and justly reward the animals that deserve the highest GSDCA grading to be given at this time.



GSDCA STATE BREED EXHIBITION

AIM & PURPOSE

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THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVES OF THE STATE BREED EXHIBITION

The event will allow:

1. For a comprehensive evaluation of the breed in each state on an annual basis.
2. Breed direction that compliments the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme and gives due recognition to animals that are of high anatomical worth and or have proven they can produce animals that are far or above average in terms of type and quality.
3. Demonstrate the worth of major bloodlines and more importantly the predictability when combined.
4. GSDCA Specialist Judges and GSDCA Breed Surveyors an opportunity in addition to viewing Sires progeny parade at the GSDCA Nationals Show & Trial an avenue to assess the breed worth as a group.
5. An opportunity for sires not being able to present groups at the GSDCA National GSD Show & Trial Sires Progeny to present groups within their State.
6. Further education of the fraternity/exhibitors through the judgements, commentary and summations as made by the officiating judges.

SPECIAL AWARDS

GSDCA Excellent Merit:

The GSDCA **Excellent Merit** grading may only be awarded in the Open Class and

- a) Animals must be exhibited in the open Class and be classified: GSDCA Breed Survey Class 1 or equivalent as recognised by the GSDCA.
- b) Animals must display high anatomical worth, type, quality and a potential for or demonstrated attributes that will produce animals that are of above or far above average in terms of type and quality.



RULES & REGULATIONS FOR THE STATE BREED EXHIBITION

JUDGES

In states where more than one GSDCA Specialist Judges / Breed Surveyor resides a meeting will be held for all GSDCA Specialist Judges/ Breed Surveyors to discuss the attributes and failings of each of the major bloodlines represented in their State.

- Two (2) Judges GSDCA Breed Surveyor Judges who are resident should be appointed.
- In cases of Member Clubs that has no resident judge who is a GSDCA Breed Surveyor one judge may be appointed.
 - In these cases the appointed Judge will liaise with other judges and read their reports of shows judged in the twelve (12) months before.
- Judge #1 will judge Open Classes and Baby Puppy Classes.
 - The Open Classes are judged with pedigrees, with type, quality, family and progeny taken into consideration for placing and grading.
 - A five (5) generation pedigree must accompany each entry in the Open Classes.
- Judge #2 will judge Minor, Puppy, Junior and Intermediate Classes, and must be from the state of domicile, where practicable
 - Baby to Intermediate is judged as a **normal conformation show**.

Sire Progeny Parade:

Comment will be provided by Judge #1:

note comment will be made as a result of discussions with judge #2 (what has been seen over the show) and discussions as held at GSDCA Specialist Judges/Breed Surveyors meetings held prior to the event.

SHOW CLASSES & CONDITION OF ENTRY.

Age Classes for Stock Coats and Long Stock Coats with no intersex or inter-variety competition:

Baby Puppy	3 months and 1 day under 6 months
Minor Puppy	6 months and 1 day under 9 months
Puppy	9 months and 1 day under 12 months
Junior	12 months and 1 day under 18 months
Intermediate	18 months and 1 day under 24 months
Open	24 months and over



Open Class:

- Exhibits will
 - be subjected to a gun test as prescribed in GSDCA Breed Survey Manual.
 - be subjected to a one on one temperament test.
 - be measured and height recorded in critiques.
 - need to complete an off lead gaiting exercise immediately after their on-lead presentation.

Junior & Intermediate

- Exhibits will
 - be measured and height recorded in critiques.
 - be subjected to a one on one temperament test.

Minor – Open Classes: Critiques

There is no inter-variety or inter-sex judging.

SIRE & DAMS PROGENY

The prerequisite for a sire or dam's progeny group are as follows:-

- The sire or dam must be successfully breed surveyed;
- There must be a minimum of five (5) progeny aged nine (9) months or older
- The progeny of the sire or dam as exhibited will partake in the progeny group
- The Dam or Sires progeny must come from a minimum of two different sires or dams for the relevant group;
- Dam & Progeny groups to be assessed by the Open Class judge as outlined above.
- The sire need not be present
- Where practical the resident breed surveyors will be invited into the ring and participate in the assessment.
- The Open Class judge providing final commentary.

BREEDERS GROUP

- Judged by the Open Class Judge
- Animals in this group must carry the Breeders Prefix;
- Each Breeders Group must consist of five (5) animals from more than one sire or dam and be nine (9) months or older.
- Must be of one (1) coat variety and ideally of the same colour & pigmentation: eg sables not to be included with Black & Gold.

VETERANS PARADE

- Dogs must be seven years and over and can be entered on the day.

A non-competitive class entry is free (please supply a short resume of the animals achievements to accompany the entry form).



JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP will be conducted at SBE

Junior: 7 years to under 10 years
Intermediate: 10 years to under 13 years
Senior: 13 years to under 18 years

TITLES & AWARDS

The title **State Sieger** and **State Siegerin** will be awarded to the winner of the Open Dog and Bitch respectively.

Excellent Merit: May only be awarded to animals exhibited in the Open Class and classified: GSDCA Breed Survey Class 1 or equivalent that the judge is of the opinion, they are of high anatomical worth, type, quality and have a potential to or have demonstrated attributes that will produce animals that are of above or far above average in terms of type and quality.

Excellent: May only be awarded in the Open Class and to animals that are successfully classified through the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme or recognised as such by the GSDCA.. **Very Good & Good:** may be awarded in the Open, Intermediate Class and Junior Class.

Very Promising & Promising: may be awarded in the Baby Puppy, Minor Puppy and Puppy Classes.

A trophy and sash will be awarded to the winners and as a minimum sashes for placegetters to 5th place are to be awarded.

Animals that are ungraded in any class do not receive any trophy or sashes.

NOTE: Excellent Medallions have been specifically struck for the SBE in NSW and WA.