

The GSDCA - WUSV Harmonisation Program

Summary of decisions as made at the GSDCA Special General Meeting 28th July 2017

Updated 21 June 2018

Schedule	Breed Harmonisation Item	GSDCA Motions to SGM	Carried/ Lost	Comment	Update/ Suggestions
1.	Working Test ZAP (Part 1 – Puppy Test)	<p>“That the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) will introduce the Working Test ZAP (Part I Puppy Test), effective 30 December 2019.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All dogs born after 30 December 2019 may participate in the ZAP (Part 1 Puppy Test). • The minimum age to participate in ZAP shall be 9 months and the maximum is 13 months. • The German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) shall develop a WUSV compliant procedure manual, certificate, judges training and licensing program for ZAP that shall be effective 30 December 2019. • Dogs that pass the ZAP Part 1 test will be issued with a German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) certificate and a pass shall be recorded on the Breed Survey certificate. • If a dog fails, providing it is under 13 months of age it can re-present one more time. • If a dog fails again it can still proceed to undertake the BH. 	Carried		<p>To be implemented.</p> <p>Currently work is being undertaken to scope verification, training of assessors and educating fraternity on requirements.</p>
2.	Working Test ZAP, plus BH	<p>“That the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) will introduce the BH Test as a prerequisite for Breed Survey, effective 30 December 2020.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All dogs born after 30th December 2019 shall be required to pass BH Test in order to be eligible to participate in Breed Survey. • The German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) shall develop a WUSV compliant procedure manual, certificate, judges training and licensing program for BH that shall be in place by 30 December 2020. • The minimum age to participate shall be 15 months. • Dogs that pass will be issued with a German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) certificate. This will constitute part of the mandatory paperwork in the Breed Survey application procedure and recorded on the Breed Survey certificate. 	Carried		<p>To be implemented</p> <p>Conducting a review that may see due to lack of capacity and capability utilising ANKC CCD obedience title due to BH not being recognised by ANKC.</p> <p>Submission to ANKC to have BH recognised.</p> <p>Consideration of Breed Surveyors conducting the BH character test on same day as Breed Survey.</p>

					Will require in-house training and accreditation of our Breed Surveyors.
3.	Working Test ZAP, plus BH, plus AD.	<p>“That the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) will introduce the BH test and AD, as prerequisites for Breed Survey effective 30 December 2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All dogs born after 30 July 2020 shall be required to pass BH and AD tests in order to be eligible to participate in Breed Survey. • The German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) shall develop a WUSV compliant procedure manual, certificate, judges training and licensing program for AD that shall be in place by 30 December 2021. • Dogs that pass will be issued with a German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) certificate. This will constitute part of the mandatory paperwork in the Breed Survey application procedure and recorded on the Breed Survey certificate and dog’s pedigree. 	Carried		<p>To be implemented.</p> <p>Noting AD is not ANKC recognised we can utilise ANKC ET title.</p>
4.	Microchip / Tattooing	The ANKC and government require all dogs to be microchipped. It is a prerequisite that all animals must be microchipped in order to participate in all German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) Breed Improvement Schemes.	No Vote		Microchipping
5.	DNA National DNA Identification scheme and procedure.	“That the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) investigates the ramifications of introducing the WUSV DNA Scheme and what will soon be announced as an ANKC initiative that will introduce its own DNA testing regime and report to 2018 German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) Annual General Meeting (AGM).	Carried		<p>GSDCA has decided that they are obliged and support the ANKC DNA Parentage Test that will be put in place by 1st January 2019.</p> <p>The test will be a prerequisite for Breed Survey</p>
6.	Minimum breeding age males – 18 months	“That the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) Code of Ethics is amended to read: The minimum breeding age for a dog will be 24 months at the time of mating”.	Lost		Currently the GSDCA Code of Ethics states animals under the age of 18 months age cannot be bred with and is aligned with the ANKC regulation.

7.	Minimum breeding age females – 18 months.	“That the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) Code of Ethics is amended to read: The minimum breeding age for a female will be 20 months, at the time of mating”.	Lost		Currently the GSDCA Code of Ethics states animals under the age of 18 months age cannot be bred with and is aligned with the ANKC regulation.
8.	Maximum number of studs per year – 90 studs	“That the following is included in the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) Code of Ethics: The maximum number of studs any one dog may have will be limited to 90 per calendar year”.	Carried		Added to the GSDCA Code of Ethics
9.	Maximum number of litters females – 3 litters max during 24 months.	(a) “That the following be included in the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) Code of Ethics: The maximum number of litters any one bitch may have, be limited to 3 per 24 month period. It is noted where the Canine Control regulation is tougher then that will apply”. (b) “That the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) makes submission to the ANKC proposing a change to the current regulations that will see them amended to apply nationally for GSD: The maximum number of litters any one bitch may have be limited to 3 per 24 month period”.	Carried Lost		Added to the GSDCA Code of Ethics <i>In process at the moment</i> Not seen as applicable in our case.
10.	Re X-ray HD after 30 studs.	“That effective 1 st December 2020, the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) implements a procedure that ensures all GSDCA Breed Surveyed male dogs, after 30 litters, must be re-x-rayed for HD/ED.	Lost		No seen as applicable in our case.
11.	AI – allowed	Artificial Insemination (AI) Currently allowed and covered by ANKC & GSDCA Regulations.	No Change		Covered by ANKC & GSDCA Regulations No Change
12.	In breeding limits – Minimum inbreeding 1/1,2/1, 2/3, 3/2	“That the current regulation regarding inbreeding is amended to read: <i>“Animals born after 1 July 2018 to be classified at breed survey must not have any line-breeding closer than (3-3)”.</i> <i>Animals born prior to 1 July 2018 must not have any linebreeding closer than (3-2) or (2-3).</i> “That the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) makes submission to the ANKC proposing a change to the current regulation with regard to line breeding as it applies to GSD to not having linebreeding any closer than 3-3”.	Carried Carried		GSDCA has made a submission and awaiting decision by ANKC to apply to all GSD mating’s: inbreeding no closer than (3-3). This is as off 1st July 2018 and is a GSDCA Breed Survey Requirement.

13	HD scheme and X-rays	German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) has a HD Scheme in place that has been in operation since 1984, and is of the firm opinion that the scheme as administered is most credible and therefore will remain in place	No Vote		Status Quo Remains
14.	ED scheme and X-rays.	German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) has an ED Scheme in place that has been in operation since 1991, and is of the firm opinion that the scheme as administered is most credible and therefore will remain in place.	No Vote		Status Quo Remains
15.	HD/ED Procedure.	“That the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) continues with its own HD/ED Scheme, with consideration being given to having its readers accredited by the WUSV and the possible sharing of HD/ED Data”.	Carried	The German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) is happy to provide resumes and contact details of our 3 radiologists that are our readers, and for them to liaise directly with Dr Tellheim, University Clinic of Geissen.	NBC Executive in the process of obtaining resumes from our 3 radiologists and forward to WUSV for accreditation.
16.	Minimum Show Grading – Good.	“That effective 1 st July 2018, as a pre-requisite for Breed Survey, a dog must have gained a minimum of a “Good” grading at a specialist show prior to application for Breed Survey. The grading certificate must be provided with other documentation at Breed Survey.	Carried		Grading of “Good” will apply as a pre-requisite for Breed Survey effective 1 st July 2018.
17.	Breed Survey – other than amendments to reflect breeding matrix.	“That effective 1st December 2020, the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) will initiate that the first Breed Survey classification shall be for two years, at the end of which, the <u>males</u> shall be represented for life classification”.	Lost		Not Applicable

18	Pedigrees as per ANKC	Currently the ANKC registers all pure bred dogs in Australia and issues pedigrees.	No Vote		
19	ANKC submission	GSDCA Motion: - Schedule 19(a) “That the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) shall put a submission to the ANKC that any of its club affiliated members who wish to participate in the sport of IPO, may do so providing it is done with full compliance of state or territory law”.	Carried	The GSDCA Dogsport Working Group (GDWP) has been formed as per advice sent 1 st August. The GSDCA submission will be made on or before 1 st November 2017.	Submission put to the ANKC. Submission rejected by ANKC.
20.	SV Working Dog Judges		Status Quo remains	It must be noted that whilst the GSDCA has rescinded its policy with regard to Schutzhund, the GSDCA and its Member Clubs are subject to the ANKC policy with regard to dogsport training.	The GSDCA understands and accepts that the long practised policy of the SV in allowing SV Working Judges officiate at unsanctioned working trials will continue
21	WUSV World IPO Championships – Australian representative		Status Quo remains		The GSDCA is unable to nominate a representative and bound by ANKC Policy with regard to Dogsport training.

22	Grading of Excellent/ Vorzuglich	“That the gun test will be introduced and conducted forthwith the exception being for shows where the ANKC schedule has been approved and will apply to all animals exhibited in the Open Classes at all Member Club and or sponsored shows where the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) Excellent grading may be awarded”.	Carried	The GSDCA Decided that Gun testing will only apply to the Open Classes.	Gun testing will only apply to the Open Classes and not be mandatory but applied by Clubs when allowed by their Canine Control and prescribed local legislation with regard to firearms and their use in public.
23	Grading of Excellent Select/ Vorzuglich Auslese		No Vote	The GSDCA currently does not conduct a National Breed Show where Excellent Select can be awarded.	Not Applicable