



58th GSDCA AGM - 60 Day motions

Preface

These 60 day motions were unanimously supported by the Member Club Presidents at the 2019 AGM.

With reference to the first 4 motions it is most important to note that the regulations, despite being listed to be rescinded on the agenda, were in fact reaffirmed.

It is a credit to the Club Presidents that the realisation of the difficulty to enact these as per timings and the possible threat that would see our relevance diminish with members walking away from us, saw earnest discussion and a 'reality check' taking place by all present at the meeting. The proposed amendments to these regulations (born from the WUSV Harmonization) have for the first time allowed for credible implementation without dilution of the original intent. The fact that our capacity, capability and size of our Nation does require a mind shift that will help and not hinder our aim to see wider acceptance of a character and working test as a prerequisite for GSDCA Breed Survey cannot be understated!

I reiterate that we are in control of our own destiny - not others!

We must be very mindful that our membership needs to own and support what are significant initiatives. We must also attract many that see no or little value in our ideals and/or work for the betterment of the German Shepherd Dog in Australia.

On behalf of the Member Club Presidents and the GSDCA Executive, I ask you please support ALL the motions as put.

Thank you

Vince Tantaro

President, GSDCA



1. Motion: "That Regulation 2.14.1 is amended as follows:

Original Regulation

2.14.1 Working Test ZAP (Part I Puppy Test) [2017]

That the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) will introduce the Working Test ZAP (Part I Puppy Test), effective 30 December 2019.

- 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

Amended Regulation

2.14.1 Working Test ZAP (Part I Puppy Test) [2017]

That the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) will introduce the Working Test ZAP (Part I Puppy Test), effective **from 1 January 2020**.

- All dogs born after **1 January 2020** may participate in the ZAP (Part 1 Puppy Test).
- **The minimum age to participate in ZAP shall be 9 months.**
- **A pass of ZAP Part 1 shall be a pre-requisite for GSDCA Breed Survey for all animals born after 1 January 2021.**
- 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 **1 January 2020**.
- 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.
- **An animal that fails may be presented one more time.**

Rationale:

The meeting agreed that of all the initiatives put forward this was an excellent start that will act as the catalyst for more challenging character and working tests to be pursued by the membership in the future. The amendments in fact open the test to 9 months and over and see a pass in the test as a prerequisite for GSDCA Breed Survey for animals that will be presented after 1st July 2022. The test to date has been well received by the membership and will be conducted by the Council with the support of the Member Clubs. The long lead time will allow for the GSDCA to ensure it has trained assessors, education programs and credible processes in place.



2. Motion: "That Regulation 2.14.3 is rescinded".

Original Regulation.

2.14.3 *Dogs born after 30 July 2020 - prerequisites for Breed Survey [2017]*

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.

- All dogs born after 30 July 2020 shall be required to pass both 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.

Rationale:

It must be noted that despite this regulation being reaffirmed, discussion saw unanimous support from the Member Club Presidents to ask the membership to rescind this regulation. It was noted that the minimum age of 2 years for an animal to participate in the AD test, it's disconnect with our breed survey age eligibility (minimum of 18 months), and the difficulty in conducting the test all year round with regard to weather and animal health were concerns.

The test also is not readily accessible to our members who live in remote places. As such, the regulation must be rescinded. If supported ET will not be a pre-requisite for GSDCA Breed Survey.



3. Motion: "That Regulation 3.6.1.2 and 3.6.1.10 are amended as follows:

Original Regulations

- 3.6.1.2 To be eligible for Breed Survey the animals MUST be:
- Registered on the ANKC Main Register, and;
 - Effective from 1st 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. [2018]
- 3.6.1.10 The relevant paperwork is to be forwarded to the State Registrar not less than 7 days prior to the survey date. The paperwork must include the following:
- The required fee.
 - ANKC Certified pedigree.
 - The pedigree must record the applicant as the animal's owner.
 - Copies of the 'A' and 'Z' stamp results/certificate.
 - Copy of a Grading Certificate from a specialist show with a minimum grading of "Good". [2018]
 - Five generation pedigree.
 - A coloured high resolution photograph is to be submitted on the day of the Breed Survey, or post / e-mail a photo to the NBC Chairperson within 7 days of the Breed Survey. The photograph must be high resolution that is scanned at 300dpi at postcard size or alternatively a raw camera image that has not been resized.

Motion: "That the following clause be removed from the regulation 3.6.1.2".

- e) Copy of a Grading Certificate from a specialist show with a minimum grading of "Good". [2018] from the regulation.*

And that regulation as amended is:

- 3.6.1.2 **To be eligible for Breed Survey the animal MUST be registered on the ANKC Main Register.**
- 3.6.1.10 The relevant paperwork is to be forwarded to the State Registrar not less than 7 days prior to the survey date. The paperwork must include the following:
- The required fee.
 - ANKC Certified pedigree.
 - The pedigree must record the applicant as the animal's owner.
 - Copies of the 'A' and 'Z' stamp results/certificate.
 - e)** Five generation pedigree.
 - f)** A coloured high resolution photograph is to be submitted on the day of the Breed Survey, or post / e-mail a photo to the NBC Chairperson within 7 days of the Breed Survey. The photograph must be high resolution that is scanned at 300dpi at postcard size or alternatively a raw camera image that has not been resized.

Rationale:

It must be noted that despite this regulation being reaffirmed discussion saw unanimous support from the Member Club Presidents to ask the membership to rescind the following clause:

- e) Copy of a Grading Certificate from a specialist show with a minimum grading of "Good". [2018] from the regulation.*

Discussion confirmed that the requirement of a 'Good' grading serves no purpose and is in fact discriminatory in that not all the membership is able to show their animals.



4. Motion: “That Regulation 2.14.2 as follows is rescinded and be replaced with the amended version of motion 19.4 below:

Original Regulation

- 2.14.2 Dogs born after 30 December 2019 - prerequisite for Breed Survey [2017]
That the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) will introduce the BH Test as a prerequisite for Breed Survey, effective 30 December 2020.
- All dogs born after 30 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.

Motion 19.4 as voted on and carried at the 2019 AGM be amended as follows:

Original Motion

- 19.4 That the GSDCA Character & Working test will be a prerequisite for participation in the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme, for all animals born after 1st January 2021.
- To qualify for the Working element an animal must attain one pass (qualifying score) in CCD (Community Companion Dog).
 - To qualify for the Character element an animal must pass the Character test as defined in the FCI BH test and conducted by the GSDCA.
 - An animal will be issued with the GSDCA Character & Working Test Certificate only if it qualifies in both tests and this will be recorded on GSDCA Breed Survey Certificate.

Amended Motion 19.4 becomes Regulation 2.14.2

- 2.14.2 That the GSDCA Character & Working test will be a prerequisite for participation in the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme, for all animals born after 1st January **2023**.
- To qualify for the Working element an animal must attain a qualifying pass in:
 - **a prescribed ANKC performance discipline, or**
 - **a pass in the GSDCA Character & Working Test, and**
 - **To qualify for the Character element an animal must attain a pass:**
 - **in the GSDCA Character & Working Test: this test will be conducted by the GSDCA and is based on the FCI BH test, or**
 - **ZAP (Working Test ZAP Part 1 - Puppy)**
 - An animal will be issued with the GSDCA Character & Working Test Certificate only if it qualifies in both tests and this will be recorded on **the** GSDCA Breed Survey Certificate.

The prescribed ANKC Performance Disciplines are:

- Endurance Test
- Obedience (minimum CCD or CD),
- Herding (note: the instinct test will not be considered as a qualifying pass),
- Rally Obedience
- Tracking,
- Track & Search.



ANKC Performance Disciplines: Qualifying Criteria that will apply:

Endurance Test (ET)

The Endurance Test shall be open to all dogs eligible for inclusion in the Register of the Control in which the event is conducted.

The test is open to dogs aged between two (2) and under eight (8) years but must not have reached the birth date of eight.

GSDCA minimum requirement for Breed Survey Eligibility: One (1) 'Pass'.

OBEDIENCE

GSDCA minimum requirement for Breed Survey Eligibility: One (1) Qualifying score in either of the following:

COMMUNITY COMPANION DOG CLASS:

For dogs, six months of age or over, and of either sex which are not eligible for the title of 'Community Companion Dog' (C.C.D.)

NOVICE CLASS:

For dogs, six months of age or over, and of either sex which are not eligible for the title of 'Companion Dog' (C.D.).

RALLY OBEDIENCE

Eligibility of Dogs.

For Dogs six months of age or over and of either sex which are not eligible for the title of Rally Novice (RN).

GSDCA minimum requirement for Breed Survey Eligibility: One (1) Qualifying score in the following: Rally Novice Class – R.N.

HERDING

Eligibility of Dogs.

All dogs nine (9) months of age or older that are registered with the ANKC Ltd as per Chapter 8 are eligible to participate in Herding Tests and Trials. However, dogs may enter an Instinct test at six months of age.

Note: Chapter 8 lists all breeds of dogs eligible to participate. GSD Stock Coat and GSD Long Stock Coat are both listed.

GSDCA minimum requirement for Breed Survey Eligibility:

1. **Instinct Test** - Certificate (not a title, but mandatory before you can move on to the following)
Plus one (1) Qualifying score in either of the following:
2. **Herding Test - HT Title**
3. **Pre-Trial Test - PT title**

TRACKING

Eligibility of Dogs.

A dog must be a minimum of six (6) months of age to enter in a Tracking trial.

GSDCA minimum requirement for Breed Survey Eligibility: One (1) 'Pass' in the following: Tracking Dog (TD) Test 1 (Known Person)

TRACK AND SEARCH

Eligibility of Dogs.

A dog must be a minimum of six (6) months of age to enter in a Track and Search trial.

GSDCA minimum requirement for Breed Survey Eligibility:

One (1) 'Pass' in the following: Track & Search Dog (TSD) Test 1 (known person)

GSDCA Character & Working Test: conducted by GSDCA and is based on FCI BH Test.

Eligibility of Dogs.

A dog must be a minimum of fifteen (15) months of age to enter the **GSDCA Character Test.**

GSDCA minimum requirement for Breed Survey Eligibility: One (1) 'Pass' in the following: GSDCA Character elements and Working elements as based on FCI BH test.



Rationale:

It must be noted that despite this regulation being reaffirmed, discussion saw a far more realistic and unanimous approach than only having FCI BH as the sole path that would see the Character and Working ability of our breed tested. Further the realisation that if we restricted ourselves to this path, we in fact would be pursuing a title that we have little capacity and or capability to routinely conduct at every Member Club let alone in remote places. It must also again be noted that the BH is not offered by the ANKC as a performance discipline. The amendments as fully supported and put by the Member Club Presidents will allow far better access for ALL our membership to participate and recognises that by accepting many performance disciplines as the working element, we in fact reinforce that the GSD is a true utility and companion dog! The amendments will help us achieve the original intent of the regulation by encouraging the membership to undertake a discipline that is most suited to their dog but also offer a GSDCA Character & Working test that will be based on the FCI BH but conducted by the Council.

5. Motion: That Regulation 2.7.1 and 2.7.2 are amended as follows:

Original Regulations

- 2.7.1 The GSDCA Executive will set the venue of the AGM on a rotational basis as determined by the 'cost effectiveness' of the venue. The GSDCA AGM will be alternated between three capital cities Sydney, Adelaide and Melbourne.
- 2.7.2 Clubs other than those nominated to host the AGM will be offered a subsidy towards their costs incurred on the maximum outlay by the GSDCA of \$1,000 split by a ratio of kilometers travelled. If a Club chooses not to attend a meeting they are removed from the calculations, which effectively will increase the support given to the other Clubs in attendance. [2016]

Amended Regulations

- 2.7.1 The GSDCA Executive will set the venue of the AGM at the most cost effective capital city.
- 2.7.2 Clubs other than the host Club will be offered a subsidy towards their costs incurred on the maximum outlay by the GSDCA of \$1,000 split by a ratio of kilometres travelled. If a Club chooses not to attend a meeting they are removed from the calculations, which effectively will increase the support given to the other Clubs in attendance. [2016]

Rationale

The cost of holding the AGM must as a result of Council's dwindling reserves be seriously considered on an annual basis in respect of costs: to venue, accommodation, airfare and catering. The regulation allowed for the meeting to be held on a rotational basis with Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide as venues and allow an opportunity for local members to attend as observers. It must be noted that over many years the 'locals' have shown little interest as observers and that more members from interstate travel to the meeting than locals. As a cost comparison the last three years has seen costings of the AGM as: Sydney 2018 = \$8,378 compared to Melbourne 2017 = \$4,322 and Adelaide 2019 = \$4,212. The savings are significant and should be realised. The member club Presidents unanimously supported the amendments as put.