

Guidelines for Breed Survey Classification (effective 1 July, 2017)

The following is a ready handy guide of GSDCA requirements that apply in order for an animal to be successfully classified by GSDCA Breed Surveyors.

Please note that further reference and detailed information can be found in the GSDCA Breed Survey Manual.

Breed Survey Classification	Criteria	Description
Classified	Anatomy	Average or Far above the breed average.
	Character/temperament	Firm and self-assured during all phases of the survey.
	Gun test	Self-assured or slightly concerned.
	Height	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Males 60cm - 66cm – Females 55cm - 61cm Animals that measure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – outside those sizes listed must be well above or average anatomical and breed worth <i>Males above 65cm and females above 60cm warning of size noted in "Particular virtues and faults" section.</i>
	Bite	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Correct – slightly level – not quite correct scissor bite front and side
	Dentition	Faultless, gapless, healthy dentition Double P1's allowed Missing up to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 2 premolar 1s – one incisor – premolar 2
	Ears	Firm and erect <i>Permissible – small faults of ear carriage or placement.</i>
	Testicles	Males - Two normally developed testes.
	Colour and pigmentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Black with reddish tan – Black/tan – Black/gold to light grey markings – Black – Grey (commonly known as sables) with dark shadings – Black saddle and mask – Dark nose and nails desirable <i>Permissible – small white markings on chest; very light colour on inside of legs.</i>
	Undercoat	LSC and SC must possess sufficient undercoat.
	HD	GSDCA 'A' stamp or GSDCA recognised scheme for hips.
	ED	GSDCA 'Z' stamp or GSDCA recognised scheme for elbows – animals with Grade 1 or higher must have a notation in the selection for breeding partner: "It is strongly recommended that this animal is only mated to partners that have normal graded elbows" .
	H-neg	Imported males and sons of imported dams must have a GSDCA H-Neg certificate.
Linebreeding	"Animals born after 1 July 2011 to be classified at breed survey must not have any line-breeding closer than (3-2) or (2-3)". Animals born prior to 1 July 2011 exempt.	
FAIL		Failure to meet any of the above criteria

