



## **"GSDCA Judges Measuring Guidelines"**

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### **Measuring Surface**

The measure can occur on flat natural ground or another flat surface as the judge may decide.

### **Measuring Height**

- The process for measuring an animal in the show ring is to have the animal standing in a natural manner.
- Animals must be measured from Junior Class up.
  - Puppies that are large to very large may at judge's discretion be also measured.
- It is recommended that animals are measured en-masse and on same point.
- The handler is to be standing next to the animal, with 1 hand on the animal to keep it still.
  - The animal must not be double handled.
- The handler must not crouch down next to the animal, pull down on the lead, exaggerate the front or rear stance of the animal and or offer food treats.
- The measuring stick is to be placed on wither and held perpendicular to the ground, directly behind the ulna joint.
- There is to be no excessive pushing down on the stick.
- If the animal is fidgeting, ask the handler to move it around and stand again or allow owner to hold animal.
- If using an unfamiliar stick, ensure you are looking at the correct side of the stick for height vs chest measurements.

Special note: Males that measure over 67cm and females that measure over 62cm, and are of high anatomical value may be considered for the highest grading however as is the case in Germany, and at judge's discretion may be penalised placings, dropped a grading or be ungraded.

### **Measuring depth of chest**

- Place the stick behind the ulnar joint and tighten the stick in that position to measure chest depth.
- If using an unfamiliar stick, ensure you are looking at the correct side of the stick as they differ.