

General Guidelines Holding of WUSV Breed Shows

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Preamble

Breed Shows are a necessary instrument to determine the phenotype of the German Shepherd Dog and – as far as possible – provide information in terms of the genotype. As a qualification a breed evaluation is granted which unites the phenotype, the character, and serviceability of the individual animal – in contrast to the usual show results

These General Guidelines shall summarize the minimal requirements that have to be complied with while organizing and hosting a breed show within the WUSV member organizations.

All WUSV member organizations shall hold breed shows, and issue and establish breed show regulations in their respective countries.

All member organizations are obliged to pass their breed show regulations in a timely manner – however, two years at the latest after these General Guidelines enter into force. The breed show regulations of the member clubs have to at a minimum include the provisions as laid down in these General Guidelines.

The member organizations are free to impose stricter provisions respectively standards that exceed the requirements of the WUSV General Guidelines if considered appropriate to cover necessities in accordance with their local respectively national background

General Guidelines

I. Definitions

1.1. Club Breed Shows

The national WUSV member clubs shall organize and host breed shows for the varieties of German Shepherd Dogs with stock hair and long stock hair with undercoat. The evaluation of the dogs shall take place in accordance with their fur type in separate classes and breed groups.

1.2. WUSV-Breed Shows

If the breed show shall be held under the auspices of the WUSV, the show shall be reported in written to the WUSV Secretariat General in a timely fashion, however, eight weeks in advance at the latest before the first day of the show if the official WUSV recognition is desired.

Recognition of the show and schedule can only be granted if the respective fee was paid on time.

1.3. National Winner Show

Every WUSV member country shall only organize and hold one national winner show (*Siegerschau*) per year where the ranking **EXCELLENT SELECTION (VA)** may be granted.

This applies also in countries with more than one WUSV member club. In this case the clubs affected shall coordinate their activities accordingly and inform the WUSV Secretariat General about the outcome.

For a show of that kind, the rules under 1.2 need to be complied with.

Furthermore, in the working dog classes a mental test shall be held, if possible including the exercises of defense work.

II. Organization of Breed Shows

1. Breed Shows shall be open to the public.
2. Part of all WUSV Breed Shows shall be a mental test, a **gun-test** as well as sufficient trotting.
3. A printed Breed Show catalogue shall be mandatory.

The catalogue shall cover the names of the dogs registered for the show, their studbook numbers, their chip or tattoo numbers, names of the dogs' parents, names of the breeders and the owners respectively the names of the handlers.

4. Only dogs shall be admitted to the show and listed in the catalogue who comply with the following requirements:
 - with a WUSV recognized pedigree;
 - over the age of twelve months,
 - without signs of disease,
 - not banned from studbook entries,
 - property of members of a national club or a WUSV member club.

- no property of persons legally banned from shows,
- for female dogs the following applies:
From day 42 of their pregnancy on, they shall no longer be presented on the occasion of breed shows. Nursing females may be presented from day 42 after the puppies were born at the earliest possible time.

5. Judges

Judges to the show shall be either WUSV recognized judges or judges of the national club of the organization that hosts the show.

Class Selection

The dogs presented on breed shows shall be divided into the classes for stock hair and long stock hair with undercoat. Deadline for the class selection shall be the first day of the show for shows that are scheduled for several days.

- 6.1. Youth dog classes for dogs between the age of 12 months (completed) and under the age of 18 months.
- 6.2. Young dog classes for dogs between the age of 18 months and under the age of 24 months.
- 6.3. Open classes for dogs from 2 years of age onwards without working trial
The hosting club is free to allow dogs with a BH (companion dog) examination to start in the open class.
- 6.4. Working Dog Classes for dogs from the age of 2 years onwards with a recognized working title.

Dogs of the working dogs classes shall present a successfully passed certificate of a character test and breed disposition examination according to the requirements of the SV (applies for dogs born after January 01, 2019) or a certificate of a working trial in accordance with the examination regulations (IPO/IGP ZTP, ZAP – from January 01, 2020 on), IPO/IGP 1-3, HGH, RH2 in section B (IPO-R, -F, -FL, -T, -L or -W).

- 6.5. Herding Dogs
 - a) Dogs over the age of 24 months shall present a working trial in terms of the HGH examinations obtained under a WUSV recognized HGH judge.
 - b) Dogs that belong to the youth- and young dog classes may be admitted without the regular working titles if their owners are shepherds or have sheep of their own provided that they are members to an association of sheep breeders. Alternatively, this can be confirmed by an agricultural authority. The respective confirmation shall be renewed every year. The hosting club shall verify the document.

6.6. Junior Classes – Participation

For the promotion of breeding, dogs between the ages of 9 to 12 months may be presented in progeny groups – however – without breeding evaluations being granted.

Only WUSV recognized judges shall be authorized to carry out the evaluation of the dogs.

Dogs under the age of six months may not be shown.

Apart from that, the division of the progeny groups falls within the freedom of choice of the hosting organization.

6.7. Veteran Classes

For dogs over the age of six years a presentation shall be possible in the veteran classes.

The performance shall not be subject to an evaluation – however – a ranking and placement shall be provided.

6.8. Breed Groups

Animals that are gathered in one breed group shall feature the same kind of fur.

Dogs shall be presented to the judge as a group only. The breeders are free to present more than one breed group – if desired.

On the occasion of a club breed show or a WUSV breed show, a breed group shall be composed of a minimum of three animals and a maximum of five animals from the same kennel under the premises that those dogs were presented on the same show and obtained a minimum ranking of GOOD.

On the occasion of a national breed show, a breed group shall be composed of a minimum of four respectively a maximum of five stock hair dogs from the same kennel. A breed group for long stock hair dogs shall be composed of a minimum of three and a maximum of five animals.

6.9. Evaluations

For the Junior Classes as specified under item 6.6 the following evaluations can be granted:

“Vielversprechend/ Very Promising”

For dogs who fully comply with the requirements of the breed standard – however – with minor anatomical d constraints.

“Versprechend/ Promising”

For dogs who comply with the requirements of the standard and who – however – clearly show more anatomical or developmental deficiencies.

“Weniger Versprechend/ Less Promising”

For dogs who are not sufficiently unconstrained and who show features that prove them as unfit for breeding.

The evaluations are not tantamount to a breeding evaluation.

6.10. Evaluations

On the occasion of club breed shows respectively WUSV breed shows the following evaluations can be granted:

– “Vorzüglich/ Excellent”

Dogs from the working dog classes who fully comply with the strictest requirements of the breed standard, who are self-confident and unconstrained, indifferent toward gun shooting, with a normal, almost normal or still admitted HD condition confirmed on the pedigree, with a normal, almost normal or still admitted ED condition confirmed on the pedigree, and – if the animal is over the age of 3 ½ years – the first breed selection examination must have been successfully passed. Double premolars 1 are admitted.

– “Sehr Gut/ Very Good”

The highest possible ranking for the open classes, the young and youth dog classes for animals who fully comply with the requirements of the breed standard. For the working dog classes for animals who comply with the requirements for the ranking excellent, however with minor anatomical deficiencies.

This ranking is also an option for animals with an impeccable anatomy who – however – exceed or fall below the standard height by up to 1 cm. The missing of one premolar or one incisor is admitted.

– “Gut/ Good”

For animals who fully comply with the requirements of the breed standard – however- with clearly visible anatomical deficiencies. The missing of two premolars 1 or one premolar 1 or one incisor or one premolar 2 or one premolar 3 or two incisors or one premolar 2 and one incisor or one premolar 2 and one premolar 1 or two premolars 2 is admitted.

– “Ausreichend/ Sufficient”

For animals afraid of gun shooting and constrained on the occasion of the breed show, or for animals who do not qualify for a higher ranking in terms of their general and anatomical condition.

– “Ungenügend/ Insufficient”

For animals afraid of gun shooting with constrained behavior and with other deficiencies which disqualify them from breeding.

For animals who exceed or fall below the standard height by up to 1 cm.

The ranking INSUFFICIENT entails a ban from breeding for the affected dog's offspring which the officiating judge has to duly report and apply for.

6.11. Presentation/ unauthorized aids

The dogs shall be presented to the judges in a natural posture. Manually assisted positioning is not admitted.

Radio controlled devices or comparable equipment is not admitted on the occasion of WUSV shows and events.

III. National Winner Show (Siegerschau)

1. General

In accordance with item 1.3 of these General Guidelines once a year a winner show should be held.

Only WUSV recognized judges shall be admitted.

2. Evaluations „Vorzüglich Auslese/ Excellent Selection“

The ranking EXCELLENT SELECTION shall only be admitted on the occasion of a national winner show which complies with the requirements as detailed under item 1.3 of these General Guidelines.

For the ranking EXCELLENT SELECTION further criteria are to be complied with in addition to the requirements for the ranking EXCELLENT (for details please refer to item 6.10.)

For the V-Selection Classes only dogs qualify who successfully passed the first selection examination with the result *distinct* in the section TSB, and dogs with complete and impeccable dentition as well as a successful IPO 2 working trial examination.

The dogs shall descend from a selection and performance breed with the HD and ED condition *normal* or *almost normal*.

From January 01, 2020 on the ranking EXCELLENT SELECTION shall only be granted when the TSB examination will have been carried out according to the corresponding requirements that apply for the SV Bundessiegerzuchtschau.

Final Provisions

These General Guidelines are based on the breed show regulations of the SV. In case of doubt or dissonance in terms of the interpretation of these General Guidelines the SV breed show regulations shall apply in a complimentary fashion.

The WUSV Board of Directors can issue implementing rules in terms of these General Guidelines. Those are tantamount to the General Guidelines.

Infringements and non-compliance with these General Guidelines can lead to a ban of the WUSV member organization or affiliated institutions. All decisions in this respect will be taken by the WUSV Board of Directors.

These General Guidelines shall enter into force on January 01, 2019.