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Lyn Phillis
GSDCA Secretary
(by email)

Dear Lyn,

To gain clarity, and after discussion with both the Judges Chair and NBC Chair, the GSDCV President contacted the CDO directly. Based on discussions with the CDO, the non-awarding of the Excellent grading to any GSD without an FCI working titled by an SV Judge is in transition, which the CDO was in the process of clarifying.

The CDO offered the following possible process.

In the event that the dictate takes place prior to the running of the 2023 GSD National, the appointed judges would be asked to, by prior arrangement, assess the open classes as they normally would, however with the highest available grading being SG (Very Good). Under the conditions of the prior arrangement, they will have been asked to inform the NBC Chair how many would have received the excellent grading had they had the FCI working titles. Those animals will then be presented with the GSDCA Medallion by a member of the GSDCA Executive Committee.

Based on the current uncertainty the GSDCV has put this in place and advised both Christoph Ludwig and Malcom Griffiths regarding this process if they choose to accept our offer to Judge at the 2023 National Show and Trial in Victoria.

Both Judges have also been advised that the criteria for the grading is as per other shows the they have judged in Australia,

Entered in the Open Class,
GSDCA Breed Survey Classified,
Over 2 years of age
Gun sure.

During discussions with the CDO, it was also revealed that this method of presenting an Excellent medallion at events by an SV judge had been conveyed to the GSDCA Executive some months ago.

Disclosure of this process would have gone a long way to alleviate much of the uncertainty regarding this, and future events. It would have provided a potential pathway forward, yet the GSDCA Executive chose not to share this with Member Clubs, and in particular the Victorian Club who is actively planning the 2023 GSD National.

Can you please explain why this information was withheld?

Yours sincerely,

Dearne Jackson,
Honorary Secretary,
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