

German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia



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Dear Tracey

We write to you regarding the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) National Show, which is held yearly in rotation between several states in Australia. These clubs host this show on behalf of the GSDCA.

The event showcases the pedigree German Shepherd Dog, having been bred to a Breed Standard and one that complies with the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia health programs. To this end, the GSDCA would like to introduce a change to the conformation class entry requirements. The changes would only affect the Intermediate and Open classes.

We propose the following.

Allowing the schedule to reflect the following requirements for entering the GSDCA National.

- Class 5 **Intermediate** - for dogs of 18 months and under 36 months of age that have achieved a Pass in the GSDCA HD and ED scheme or recognised equivalent Australian (CHEDS) or country of bred scheme.
- Class 11 **Open** - for dogs aged two years of age and over that have successfully been awarded Breed Survey Status by a GSDCA RECOGNISED SCHEME.

The National Show attracts an entry of approximately 500 animals. Our records show that these changes would have only affected approximately 4 animals in the past 5 years. On average less than one a year.

The GSDCA feels that as a breed organisation, the promotion of animal health, wellbeing and soundness is paramount and believe that the above changes are a positive step

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forward. We also believe that we need to promote our health activities to the general public as a responsible organisation. The GSDCA National is our only event where we can do this. In addition, at a recent Breed Commission Meeting held on 13 July 2024, all member clubs present were in support of these changes.

Sincerely,

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