

GERMAN SHEPHERD SPECIALITY SHOW REGULATIONS

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0. General Provisions

The German Shepherd Speciality Show Regulations (hereinafter GSSSR) at hand are based on the show regulations of the German German Shepherd Association (SV).

In all cases which are not provisioned by the GSSSR, the Estonian Kennel Union's show regulations shall be applied (Approved by the Estonian Kennel Union's Body of Representatives 20.11.2004, Protocol no 4).

1. Limitations to Organising the Show

1.1 The German Shepherd Speciality Show shall not be organised on the same weekend as the German Shepherd Main Speciality Show (*Bundessiegerzuchtschau*) in Germany.

2. The Speciality Show Catalogue

2.1 The essential information in the show catalogue must be presented in two languages in the catalogue – one of which must be Estonian and the second one either English or German.

2.2 The data of each dog participating in the show and listed in the catalogue must include:

- name
- titles (champion and winner; results of international working trials)
- registration number
- ID number (tattoo or microchip)
- note regarding *Körung*
- date of birth
- results of HD/ED (the result is obligatory for participants of the open and working classes)
- results of working exams (when available)
- name of dam and sire
- name of the breeder
- name and address of the owner

3. Show Classes and Requirements upon Registration

3.1 The shows acknowledge the following show classes:

3.1.1 The non-official show classes (the information sheet of the show must include clear indication on whether or not the classes shall be evaluated at the show):

- puppy classes: age groups – 4 – 6 months; 6 – 9 months; 9 – 12 months;

3.1.2 Official show classes:

- veteran class (dogs 8 years and over)
- juniors (JKL); 12 – 18 months
- youth class; 18 – 24 months
- open class; (dogs over 2 years of age, without courage test)
- working class (GHKL) - dogs over 2 years of age, courage test obligatory
- progeny class - a male dog's at least 7 offspring from minimum two different parental combinations. Puppies cannot be presented to the progeny class. The participation in the progeny class is obligatory.
- breeders' class – a single breeder's at least five dogs from minimum two different parental combinations. Puppies cannot be presented in the breeders' class.

3.2 Upon registration of the dog into working class at least one of the below requirements must be fulfilled:

- obedience result 1. Level

- *Körung*
 - result of a working trial required at the dog's registration country upon registration into the working class
 - result of an international working trial (IPO, SchH, VPG etc)
- 3.2.1 Upon registration of the dog into working class, a copy of the working trial record book must be available, where it can be seen clearly that the dog has passed the necessary trial; a copy of the *Körung* evaluation sheet; or FCI's or Estonian Kennel Union's certificate of the working trial should be added to the entry form.
- 3.3 The dog who is registered into open or working class must have officially confirmed HD results. In case the dog does not have *Körung* results, a copy of the official and confirmed HD certificate of the dog's registration country must be presented upon registration.

4. Evaluation and Results

- 4.1 In the official classes of the shows as well as in open and veteran classes the following evaluation terms shall be used:
- 4.1.1 *VORZÜGLICH-AUSLESE* (elite – marked as VA) The VA title can only be given to dogs at the main speciality shows of the Estonian Association of German Shepherd (hereinafter EAGS). The title can be given to the dogs who receive for the protection work result "a – excellent, releases"; have a *Körung* result and have a valid international working trial result.
- 4.1.2 *VORZÜGLICH* (excellent – marked as V). The title V can be given to dogs in the working class who receive for the protection work the result "a – excellent, releases" and who have a *Körung* result.
- 4.1.3 *SEHR GUT* (very good – marked as SG). SG is the highest title given to dogs in junior, youth, veteran and open classes. It can also be given in working classes to those dogs who do not release upon command in protection work and receive the result "sufficient" (VH) or who do not have *Körung* results.
- 4.1.4 *GUT* (good – marked as G)
- 4.1.5 *AUSREICHEND* (satisfactory – marked as A)
- 4.1.6 *MANGELHAFT* (insufficient – marked as M)
- 4.1.7 *UNGENÜGEND* (unsuitable – marked as U). The title U is given to dogs who are gunshy and do not pass the gunshot test and to the dogs in working class who do not pass the courage test and receive the trial result "insufficient" (NG)
- 4.2 In puppy classes the evaluations by the judge must meet the following criteriae:
- 4.2.1 *VERY PROMISING* (VL) – is given to the puppies of supreme quality which provides expectations for excellent development in the future.
- 4.2.2 *PROMISING* (L) – is given to the puppies of good quality which at the moment provides expectations for noticeable development in the future.
- 4.2.3 Puppies who do not meet the above criteriae shall receive the description and a place in the show ring.

5. Titles and Prizes

- 5.1 The certifications of excellence (SERT) at the speciality show shall be presented according to the following rules:
- 5.1.1 SERT is given separately to both sexes
- 5.1.2 Only dogs in the working class who have received the marks V-A or V can compete for the SERT. SERT is automatically given to the highest ranking V-A or V dog who is entitled to accept it.
- 5.2 The junior certificate (JUN SERT) at the speciality show shall be presented according to the following rules:
- 5.2.1 JUN SERT is given separately to both sexes
- 5.2.2 Only dogs in the junior classes who have received the mark SG can compete for the JUN SERT. JUN SERT is automatically given to the highest ranking SG dog who is entitled to accept it.

6. The work in the rings

- 6.1 Each participating dog is entitled to the individual evaluation.
- 6.2 The show organisers must be able to provide translation for the individual evaluation should it be necessary.
- 6.3 The show organisers must inform the participants prior to the show of the following:

- location of the show
 - approximate timetable as per classes
 - in case there is a separate time for descriptions/protection work, the participants should be informed prior to the show
- 6.4 The progeny class evaluations must take place before the individual show rings begin. In case one or more of the dogs in the progeny class do not participate, they shall not be entitled to participate in the individual show rings and shall be disqualified from the show. Entry fee shall not be refunded.
- 6.5 The breeders' class shall be evaluated the last at the show. It is up to the breeder to decide which dogs will be presented in the class.
- 6.6 Work in the showrings:
- 6.6.1 Males and females shall always be evaluated separately. First the males and then the females.
- 6.6.2 The classes shall be called into the ring in the following order:
- puppy classes: 4 – 6 months; 6 – 9 months; 9 – 12 months
 - veteran classes
 - junior classes (JKL)
 - youth classes (JHKL)
 - open class (OKL)
 - working class (GHKL)
- 6.6.3 After each dog has received a written individual evaluation, the ring organiser shall position them according to the instructions by the judge, starting from the best. After the judge has decided the final ranking, the position of each dog along with the mark given must be written on the individual evaluation sheet.
- 6.7 All dogs, except for those participating in the puppy classes, must pass the gunshot test.
- 6.8 All dogs in the working class must pass the courage test.