



**GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA (INC)**  
**(GSDCA) TOOTH CERTIFICATE (effective 1st July 2013)**

**REGULATION FOR THE AWARDING OF A GSDCA TOOTH CERTIFICATE Regulation**  
**Effective as from 1st July 2013 (Passed at 2013 GSDCA AGM)**

The GSDCA Tooth Certificate is the only recognised certificate that can be presented at breed surveys and shows as proof of missing teeth or teeth removed due to injury.

The President or National Breed Commission (NBC) Chairman, and when not available, the Member Club's Breed Affairs Chairperson will inform all overseas judges that this is the only certificate that will be accepted as verification of missing teeth or teeth removed due to injury.

**For animals that have been successfully breed surveyed for a GSDCA Tooth Certificate to be awarded, the following procedure must be met :**

- A copy of the GSDCA Breed Survey Certificate verifying complete dentition together will be forwarded to the NBC Chairman together with the prescribed fee
- The issue of the GSDCA Tooth Certificate is the responsibility of the NBC Chairman
- Once the GSDCA Tooth Certificate is issued, it shall be laminated and forwarded to the owner.
- Details of the GSDCA Tooth Certificate issued will be printed in the GSDCA Annual Breed Survey Book.

**Note:**

*That an animal with damaged/broken teeth does not require a GSDCA Tooth Certificate. A certificate will only be issued where the tooth is not visible above the gum line.*

**For animals that have not been previously breed surveyed or successfully classified at breed survey for a GSDCA Tooth Certificate to be issued, the following procedure must be met :**

- Certificates will only be issued where a tooth or teeth have been removed or are not visible from above the gum line.
- The owner must provide x-ray proof that a normal, healthy, developed adult tooth existed at a point of time.
- The x-ray must be identified radio graphically with the GSDCA Tattoo Number and/or microchip number as recognised by the GSDCA. (See annex 1 list of recognised Tattoo schemes).
- The x-ray must be taken in accordance with the GSDCA regulation for acceptance of x-ray plates or digital x-rays (*Refer to GSDCA Regulation titled Acceptance of x-ray plates and computer radiography generated images (digital x-rays).*)
- The x-ray, prescribed fee and written agreement that all costs associated with gaining specialist dental opinion will be paid by the owner, shall be forward to the National Breed Commission Chairman.
- The x-ray will be forwarded to a Veterinary Dentist for an opinion.
- A copy of the opinion will be forwarded to the owner regardless of whether or not a certificate is issued.
- All fees must be paid prior to the issuing of the GSDCA Tooth Certificate.
- The GSDCA Tooth Certificate will be issued by the GSDCA National Breed Commission Chairman.
- Once the GSDCA Tooth Certificate is issued, it shall be laminated and forwarded to the owner.
- Details of the GSDCA Tooth Certificate issued will be printed in the GSDCA Annual Breed Survey Book.