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To all Club Secretaries,
GSDCA Breed Surveyors,
GSDCA Specialist Judges

Re: Changes to the requirements for the registration, exhibition and breeding of German Shepherd Dog (Long Stock Coat)

As you are all aware at the October Australian Kennel Club (ANKC) Conference the State Canine Controls approved the proposal submitted by the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) regarding the proposed requirements for the registration, exhibition and breeding of German Shepherd Dog (GSD) (Long Stock Coat).

The German Shepherd Dog Breed Standard will now encompass the Long coat variety and is in line with the country of origin standard (Germany) and other than some minor changes, the GSDCA Standard is as previously adopted by the ANKC.

For your information the changes to the relevant causes are outlined below:-

9.13 German Shepherd Dog (Stock Coat – Stockhaar) and German Shepherd Dog (Long Stock Coat – Langstockhaar).

- 9.13.1 Both **coat varieties are to be** judged separately with each variety receiving separate Challenge Certificates.
- 9.13.2 **Inter-variety breeding is NOT permitted and will not be approved for Registration purposes on either register**
- 9.13.3 Reclassification (*¹ see below) on coat type for animals born **before 1st January 2012** is permitted up until **1st January 2014**.
- 9.13.4 German Shepherd Dogs (Long Stock Coat Langstockhaar) that have been registered on the ANKC “Limited Register” can be upgraded to the ANKC “Main Register” by using the normal procedure provided they have been reclassified or classified as Long Stock Coat.
- 9.13.5 Progeny that are Stock Coat (Stockhaar) bred from two [2] Stock Coat (Stockhaar) dogs will be registered on the ANKC Main or Limited Register and marked with a **Stock Coat (Stockhaar) identifier/number**.

9.13.6 Progeny that are classified (*² see below) as a Long Stock Coat (Langstockhaar), being bred from two [2] Stock Coat (Stockhaar) dogs will be registered on the ANKC Main or Limited Register and marked with a **Long Stock Coat identifier/number**

9.13.7 Progeny bred from two [2] registered Long Stock Coat (Langstockhaar) dogs will be registered on the ANKC Main or Limited Register and marked with a **Long Stock Coat (Langstockhaar) identifier/number**.

9.13.8 All **existing GSD Litter Registration Limitations (LRLs)** apply to both **coat varieties**.

All GSDCA Breed Surveyors and GSDCA Specialist Judges please note the following:-

***¹Reclassification for animals born before 1st January 2012**

- Proof of ANKC registration in owners name, is required. Identification by Microchip or Tattoo **must be checked and confirmed**.
- Long Stock Coat (Langstockhaar) dogs are to be submitted for an examination and verification by **three [3] current GSDCA Specialist GSD judges in capital city metropolitan locations. (GSDCA affiliate clubs to offer this service regularly at Breed Surveys and/or Shows)**
- In **remote locations** the preferred option is by **one current GSDCA Specialist GSD judge, and two (2) current licensed ANKC Group 5 Judges**. If this is not practicable then animals can be **verified by three (3) Current ANKC Group 5 judges**.
- Confirmation that a dog is a Long Stock Coat (Langstockhaar), is submitted to the relevant Canine Kennel Control in the State or Territory where dog is registered. (**Attachment 1 – ANKC Application and Verification form for Long Stock Coats**).
- Verified dogs may be registered on the Main or Limited Register as a Long Stock Coat (Langstockhaar) variety, including provision of cross-transfers between each the ANKC Main or Limited Long Coat Register.

***²Classification for animals born after 1st January 2012**

- Registered according to the coat type **by the breeder**
- Once registered, any changes from Long Stock Coat register to Stock Coat Register or Stock Coat register to Long Stock Coat register can only be done on verification of coat type by **three (3) current GSDCA Specialist Judges in capital city or metropolitan locations**.
- In **remote locations** the preferred option is by **one current GSDCA Specialist GSD judge, and two (2) current licensed ANKC Group 5 Judges**. If this is not practicable then animals can be **verified by three (3) Current ANKC Group 5 judges**.

Please note the above criteria and the difference between capital or metropolitan areas and remote locations. In capital cities or metropolitan areas **only GSDCA Specialist Judges are able to sign the ANKC Application and Verification Form for LSCs (with undercoat)**

It is expected that GSDCA member clubs will offer this service regularly at Breed Surveys and/or at Shows.

All GSDCA Specialist judges **are not to take this responsibility** lightly and it is their responsibility to ensure that all details are correct and that the **GSDCA Tattoo number and/or microchip are checked/scanned and confirmed as correct.**

For all Club Secretaries please note that all LSCs born **before 1 January 2012** need to be verified prior to registration on the ANKC Long Stock Coat Main Register which would entitle them to be exhibited at shows throughout Australia.

The GSDCA believe that this will take some time and only a limited number of LSC will be eligible to be exhibited at shows during the first half of 2012.

An item has been placed on the 2012 GSDCA Annual General Meeting (AGM) Agenda for the approval of the GSDCA member clubs which outlines the criteria and requirements for LSCs to be presented and classified to the GSDCA National Breed Survey Scheme.

All GSDCA Specialist Judges should note when judging LSCs at GSDCA Specialist Shows the same criteria in relation to gradings and penalisations apply. (teeth, size, temperament etc)

If anyone requires any further information on this matter please do not hesitate to contact me on 08 82973933 or 0402800183 after 6.00pm any evening.

I hope this information has answered some of your queries.

Yours sincerely,

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