

## **BREED SURVEY**

### **WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?**

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*Photos courtesy Barbara Stone and Steve Mase*

**OBJECTIVES:** To promote and offer guidance for the uniform development of the German Shepherd Dog and to improve its inherent working abilities.

It is expected that animals that are successfully Breed Survey Classified will contribute to the overall improvement of the breed in Australia.

The Victorian Survey Panel consist of: Vince Tantaró, Alistair Henderson, Jenny Yuen, Greg Green, Ian Urie.

Surveyors have a strict set of criteria to meet prior to applying for and achieving Breed Surveyor status. This involves both breeding achievement and participation at State Club administration level. They must also have the support of their State Club and their fellow Surveyors via the National Breed Commission meeting. This ensures they have the experience and expertise required to appropriately survey the German Shepherd dog.

#### **HOW DO I GO ABOUT IT?**

It is a good idea to come along and watch a survey prior to taking part so you will have a better understanding of the procedure.

##### **1. To be presented the dog/bitch concerned must be:**

No less than 18 months and no more than 8 years of age.

Must be registered with the State Canine Control on the Main Register (Blue form) and must not be desexed.

Must be positively identified:

- For animals born prior to 1 July 2017, by Tattoo through the GSDCA National Tattoo Scheme or a GSDCA recognised Tattoo scheme; or by microchip.
- For animals born after 1 July 2017 the only acceptable identification method will be microchipping.

Possess a GSDCA 'A' Stamp for hip dysplasia and a 'Z' Stamp for Elbow dysplasia or a suitable equivalent accepted by the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA).

Animals born after 1 July 2018 must not have any linebreeding closer than (3-3). Animals born prior to 1 July 2018 must not have any linebreeding closer than (3-2) or (2-3).

##### **2. Applying for Breed Survey.**

An Application for Breed Survey Form (GSDCA BS1) may be downloaded from the GSDCA website: [www.gsdcouncilaustralia.org](http://www.gsdcouncilaustralia.org) Look under About Us then click on Forms. Alternatively contact the Victorian State Breed Survey Registrar Gillian Cafari on 03 5420 7385 The completed form together with the **relevant paperwork** must be received by the registrar at least 7 days prior to the Survey date.

##### **Relevant Paperwork-**

- a. The required fee.
- b. A copy of the ANKC registration certificate (blue form) in the name of the owner. Note: animals on the limited register cannot be accepted for Survey.
- c. Copies of 'A' and 'Z' Stamp results/certificate.
- d. Five generation pedigree.
- e. For all imported animals a copy of the Title Verification Certificate as received from the GSDCA Title Verification Registrar.
- f. For previously presented animals that have failed survey, a copy of the GSDCA Form BS2-Notification of Failure must be supplied.
- g. A coloured, high resolution photograph is to be supplied to the NBC Chair within 7 days of the survey. You can update the photograph at a later date if a better one becomes available.

### 3. On the Day

Give yourself time, arrive early.

Your dog should be clean and well groomed.

Remember the German Shepherd is a working dog not a 'couch potato' so he should be presented in a relatively fit, athletic condition.

**NB** All the **relevant documentation** (see above) in its **original** form must be brought to the survey and shown to the officiating SURVEYOR on the day.

#### The Survey begins

You need to report to the Registrar. You will be given a numbered vest. The microchip will be verified. The attending dogs will be lined up, first the dogs then the bitches. All the animals in the survey will then undertake some warm-up laps. The Surveyors will discuss the animals and their potential classifications.



**On the move**



**The Guntest** BANG The dog should stand firmly showing no concern or agitation



**The Crowd Test** - The dog is walked into the crowd on a loose lead. The surveyors observe the behaviour. He should be calm, confident and relaxed



**The Individual Approach** Again the dog should be calm, confident and relaxed



**The Victorian Breed Survey Registrar** Gillian Cafari collates and checks the paperwork prior to the Survey. You will report to her upon arrival. On the day Gill records the vital statistics as determined by the Surveyors- microchip, height, chest depth and circumference, weight, testicles and dentition.

Positive identification- Scanning the microchip number.



Checking the bite. It should be a scissor bite neither over or undershot



Checking the teeth. Any variations/abnormalities are noted



Measuring the height, depth of chest and chest circumference.  
Has he got 2 normal descended testicles?



Now on to the scales



### **The Individual Assessment**

Now down to the details. All aspects of the dog are critiqued from his head right down to the colour of his toe nails, his temperament and movement



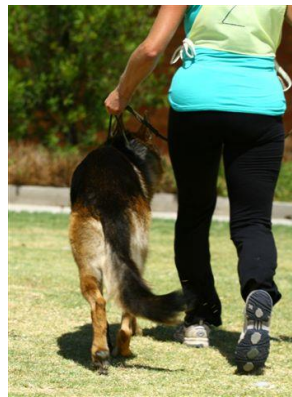
The general description is recorded



Does she stand correctly?



Are the nails dark?



Hocks and elbows. Are they firm? Is he stepping correctly?

The very detailed Survey form is completed with the dog's Particular Virtues and Faults noted. The classification is announced and finally the Breeding advice is given



The Survey concludes with the successful animals introduced to the spectators with a brief explanation.

**A photo of your dog/bitch MUST be forwarded to the National Breed Commission Chairperson within 7 days of the Survey.**

**The Survey database is a lifetime record of your dog so ensure you send a quality photo. You will receive a survey certificate. You can access your survey on the GSDCA data base.**