

HOW DO I GET MY DOG X-RAYED?

To participate in any German Shepherd Dog Council Schemes that are conducted for and on behalf of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia, **one must be a member of an affiliated member Club of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia**. If a dog is owned in partnership, provided one partner is a member of an affiliated Member Club, then the normal fee structure shall apply.

Residents of Australia who are **non-members** of any affiliated Member Club may apply for participation in a German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Scheme provided that **the equivalent of one year's subscription fee plus the joining fee of that member Club, is paid in addition to the normal fee applicable** to the desired scheme.

BEFORE YOU START. Your dog MUST be **at least** 12 months old.
He must be registered with Dogs Victoria.

Step 1. CHECK HIS MICROCHIP NUMBER

He must be positively identified with a scannable microchip number.

If you are not sure call the Chief Surveyor Alastair Henderson on (03) 97723992 to arrange to have a Breed Surveyor check the microchip number and advise you on a course of action. Your vet can also check your microchip number.

Step 2. GETTING THE GSDCA HIP AND ELBOW CONTRACT

Contact the GSDCV HD/ED Registrar Gillian Cafari on (03) 54207385. Gill will advise you of the current costs and guide you on the contract application. You can do this online.

The Registered Owner, as per the Certified Pedigree is the only person able to purchase a contract (or the breeder). Where a dog is jointly owned, one owner should be a financial member of a GSDCA affiliate, otherwise there are further fees applicable.

A contract, once issued cannot be refunded or transferred to another dog, under any circumstances and does not expire.

FIRST get your contract THEN make the Vet appointment.

Applying for the contract

To apply on-line for a contract go to <https://www.gsdcouncilaustralia.org/xraycentre>

This will open an instruction page which you should READ CAREFULLY and follow.

1. Complete the online form and make your payment. On the GSDCA website the owner enters owner contact information and the dog's information, attaches the Dogs Australia (ANKC) pedigree in pdf format. The owner must nominate their member state (being a current financial member). They pay for the Hip and Elbow contract with credit card via the online purchasing shop. Payments are processed securely by the Westpac Bank, directly into the GSDCA account.
2. This contract payment generates an email to the respective member state registrar that they have a contract application for checking, verification and approval.
3. The state registrar checks the data, the financial membership status and confirms the application details against the uploaded pedigree. The state registrar 'approves' the application. In the event that an application is not approved, the registrar will contact the owner and a refund will be provided. NB breeders can apply for contracts for dogs that they have bred.
4. This approval automatically generates a pdf copy of the 'GSDCA contract' that is emailed to the owner. This contract pdf should be downloaded, saved and printed. It should be taken to the vet for signing on the day of the x-ray.
5. Owner makes appointment and visits vet with paperwork (GSDCA contract and dog's pedigree). X-rays are taken. **Vet MUST sign contract.**

Step 3. BOOK INTO YOUR VETERINARIAN

Your dog will be required to have a General Anaesthetic on the day of his X-ray.

DON'T FORGET: Take your contract with you to the Vet on the day.

Please Note: The GSDCA Hip and Elbow Scheme is one of several Hip and Elbow Schemes currently being used in

Australia. The Penn Hip and the AVA are two other examples. **Makesure you tell the Vet that your dog will be x-rayed under the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Hip and Elbow Scheme** as each scheme may have different positioning, identification and labelling requirements. There are many Veterinarians who are experienced with the requirements of the GSDCA Hip and Elbow Scheme. Ask a Breed Surveyor or your breeder for advice.

Step 4. AT THE VETS

Make sure the Vet reads the contract and understands clearly what is required.

Make sure the Vet CHECKS the microchip number and compares it to the microchip number on the Contract. The two numbers MUST match.

Make sure the X-ray is labelled RADIOGRAPHICALLY with the following:

- a) The microchip number
- b) The date
- c) Right or Left marker
- d) The Dog's name
- e) State contract number

NOTE: Incorrectly labelled films will not be accepted for reading.

If the microchip number is not radiographically embedded on the X-ray your dog will be required to be re-x-rayed. Stick-on labels are **NOT** acceptable as a means of positive identification.

Following the correct procedures will ensure your dog will not be put through another anaesthetic and re-x-ray.

Make sure the Vet completes and signs the Contract.

Step 5. SUBMITTING X-RAYS to the RADIOLOGIST

You can submit your xrays online direct to your radiologist of choice. You will need a pdf copy of your signed contract by the vet, a pdf copy of your dogs pedigree (that you submitted with your contract application) and your x-ray files

1. At the vet (or at home – take a usb to the vet to save the files) use the upload portal on the GSDCA website <https://www.gsdcouncilaustralia.org/xraycentre> to enter details of the dog and contract info, attach the files (x-ray dicoms (.dcm), signed contract and pedigree pdf), select the preferred radiologist and submit for scoring.
2. This submission sends an email to the selected radiologist to view the files uploaded, score the x-rays, enter the results and approve result release.
3. This approval generates a pdf of the provisional results (aka the pink copy) as scored. It is emailed automatically to the owner, the scoring radiologist and the HDED registrar for final verification, AZ certificate generation and upload to the GSDCA database.

You can also post your x-rays files. Send the X-ray files on a disc/usb, a stamped self-addressed envelope, a copy of your dog's Dogs Victoria Registration Certificate and the completed signed contract in a padded bag to the reader of your choice. Addresses are on the form. No further monies are due.

Step 6. RESULTS

You will receive the provisional results in the mail from the reader via email if you submitted online or via post (pink form).

The 'Official Certificate' will arrive later after processing by the GSDCA National HD/ED Registrar.

Make sure you check that the information on the certificate has been correctly transcribed. The National HD registrar will need to be notified if there is an error.

HD/ED Contracts are issued in the name of the dog to be x-rayed and cannot be transferred to another dog under any circumstances.