

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 years 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 TATTOO NUMBER

He must have a GSDCA approved tattoo number in his right ear and/or be microchipped. Can you read the tattoo? It must be clearly legible and match his paperwork.

He must be positively identified with either a clearly readable tattoo number and /or a microchip number.

If the dog is not microchipped and his tattoo is NOT absolutely clear but is discernable contact the State Tattoo Registrar, Michael Blunt on (03) 5248 1520 as you can arrange to have the dog re-tattooed with his current Tattoo number in the left ear at the time of his X-ray or have the Vet implant a microchip.

If you are not sure call the Chief Surveyor Alistair Henderson on (03) 97723992 to arrange to have a Breed Surveyor check the ear tattoo and/or check the microchip number and advise you on a course of action.

Step 2. GETTING THE GSDCA HIP AND ELBOW CONTRACT

Contact the GSDCV HD Registrar, Karen Ballantyne on (03) 59674429 or Assistant HD registrar Gillian Cafari on (03) 54207385. Karen or Gill will advise you of the current costs and send you a contract.

The owner or breeder may purchase the contract **BUT it MUST be signed by the Owner** (as it appears on his Dogs Victoria Registration Certificate).

FIRST get your contract **THEN** make the Vet appointment.

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. **Make sure 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 Tattoo number in your dog's ear and/or the microchip number and compares it to the Tattoo number or microchip number on the Contract. The two numbers MUST match.

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

- a) The Tattoo number and/or 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 Tattoo /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. POSTING

Send the X-ray plates/disc, a stamped self-addressed envelope, a copy of your dog's Dogs Victoria Registration Certificate and the completed 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 (pink form).

The 'Official Certificate' will arrive later after processing by the National HD 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 Contracts are issued in the name of the dog to be x-rayed and cannot be transferred to another dog under any circumstances.