

STATE BREED EXHIBITION CRITERIA

The members of the GSDCV voted in April 2014 to return the Victorian SBE to a breed evaluation providing breed direction as opposed to a show as it has been run for some years now. This to be run in accordance with GSDCA Regulations 5.2 for conduct of a State Breed Exhibition (effective Jan 2017).

The members stressed throughout the meeting that they wanted the event taken seriously, the gradings to be meaningful and penalisation meted out if deserved.

The SBE will be run along the following lines:-

- Ages as per the original Main Breed Evaluation ie. all classes as per Kennel Control regulations with the exception of Intermediate which will be 18 months to 1 day under 2 years and all animals 2 years and over will be exhibited in the Open Class.
- Pedigrees will be available to the Open Judges only.
- Judges - Surveyor Judge for Open classes, Progeny and Breeders groups.
 - Younger classes open to all Surveyor Judges both Victorian and Interstate.
- Open Class Judge will be expected to view the judging of the younger classes as a precursor to the Open Judging. It would be expected that discussion would take place with the younger class judge re any issues/problems/strengths that may have been noted.
- **Gradings** - Excellent Merit in Open classes at the Judge's discretion.
- **Sieger and Siegerin titles** open to dogs from all states at the Judge's discretion.
- **Sires Progeny** - Minimum 5 animals 3 months and over.
- **Dams Progeny** - Minimum 5 animals 3 months and over.
- **Breeders Group** - Must consist of five (5) animals from more than one sire or dam and be 9 months or older.
- **Open class exhibits** - Off-lead gaiting to show the animal's movement unencumbered by Handler and/or the lead, Gun test to test sound sensitivity, Temperament test to ensure the animal exhibits correct German Shepherd temperament. Mesh fencing will be available for safety.
- **Measuring** - All exhibits from Junior up will be measured and that measurement recorded in the critique as per current Specialist Judging requirements.

Organisation - The event will be run over 2 days. Day 1: All classes up and including Intermediate. Day 2: Open classes, Sires and Dams Progeny and Breeders Groups.

Open Class Judge will give a summation of the Show at its conclusion.