



ATTENTION: ALL OWNERS OF GERMAN SHEPHERD DOGS ANKC LTD SURVEY

HIP AND ELBOW DYSPLASIA REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION OF GERMAN SHEPHERD PUPPIES ON THE MAIN REGISTER

This survey applies to any Member of a Canine Control affiliated with the ANKC Ltd who is the owner of a registered German Shepherd Dog. In the interests of the breed, please read this survey carefully and reply by completing the return slip below and return to the ANKC Ltd Administrator, PO Box 309, Carina, Qld, 4152, or by email to: administrator@ankc.org.au by COB 1 March, 2016. If sending via email please clearly note in the Subject heading "GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG SURVEY".

Proposal

The ANKC Ltd and the ANKC Ltd National Canine Health and Wellbeing Committee recommend that: -

The ANKC Ltd have resolved to conduct a Survey of all German Shepherd Dog owners recommending that:

Litter Registration Limitations **are to be amended as follows and will apply for litters born from 1st January 2017:-**

- 1.1 Both parents of every litter must be screened for Hip Dysplasia through an official Hip Dysplasia Control Scheme. Where the parents have been born after the **30th June 2015**, they must record a score of no more than eight (8) on either hip, with no more than three (3) in any one area, or in the case of imported animals, a grading that is deemed to be acceptable for breeding in their country of origin.
- 1.2 Both parents of every litter must be screened for Elbow Dysplasia through an official Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme. Where the parents have been born after the **30th June 2015**, they must record a grading of **Normal, Near Normal or Grade One** on both elbows, and **must** be free from the condition of UAP (Ununited Anconeal Process).

If litter registration limitations are approved for each or either of these diseases, breeders of litters whelped on or after **1st January, 2017**, will be required to comply **with the requirements** as a prerequisite to registration of any litter on the **ANKC Ltd Main Register**. Dogs must be positively identified by microchip, **and/or** tattoo prior to being x-rayed. **Litters which do not meet the above requirements will only be able to be placed on the Limited Register and will be flagged not to be upgraded.**

A majority of registered owners within the breed and responding to this survey must be in favour before approval is given by the ANKC Ltd. Each of the above two items will be considered separately.

Rationale

It is over **fifteen** years since the requirement was introduced for German Shepherd Dogs to show proof of x-ray for hips and elbows. It should be noted that a total hip score of 16 is still above the breed average and hence the majority of the breeding stock will still be utilised in the breeding program but it will ensure the removal of animals severely affected with hip dysplasia.

While animals with Grade Two, and Grade Three elbows or Ununited Anconeal Process (UAP) form a small percentage of animals x-rayed and numerically are very small, but in reality pose a real threat of increasing the incidence of Elbow Dysplasia within the German Shepherd Dog, hence only **Normal, Near Normal, Grade One** graded animals **should be considered within any breeding program.**

Cut along the Dotted Line-✂

ANKC Ltd German Shepherd Dog Survey

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YOUR VOTE (Please cross out whichever is not applicable)

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YES/NO

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YES/NO

NAME: _____ MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: _____

Registered Number and DOB of a German Shepherd Dog you currently own: _____ DOB: / /

Signature: _____ Date: / /