

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA Inc.

**SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING  
AGENDA**

to be held on **Friday, 28<sup>TH</sup> July 2017**  
at "Sage Hotel Adelaide", 208 South Terrace, Adelaide, South Australia,  
**commencing at 10.30am to 5.00pm**



GSDCA Special General Meeting of Club Presidents/Delegates and the GSDCA Executive.

*To decide on matters as brought forward from the Special Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2017, with regard to the WUSV Harmonization Program and the proposed submission to the ANKC regarding the approval of IPO/Dogsport in Australia.*

Opening & Welcome – Mr. Vince Tantaro, President GSDCA

**A note from Mr. Vince Tantaro, President**

**MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE**

***It is imperative that ALL members attend your Clubs meeting that will be held to discuss and decide on the matters as presented in this agenda.***

***I cannot understate the importance of the membership being involved and deciding on these matters.***

***What has been proposed, will, regardless of outcome change the way this Council and its Member Clubs operate.***

***This Agenda must be considered with the full complement of supporting and or reference material as supplied to Member Clubs and posted on the GSDCA Website:***

[www.gsdcouncilaustralia.org/meetings](http://www.gsdcouncilaustralia.org/meetings)

- ***Covering Letter: sent to all Member Clubs;***
- ***GSDCA Special Meeting Minutes, 3 June 2017; as provided to CDO & WUSV & Exec 13 June 2017.***
- ***GSDCA Special Meeting Minutes, 4 June 2017 - less an addendum re question regarding RSPCA & Tattooing; not WUSV or related to business of this meeting.***
- ***CDO Presentation as given to meeting 3 June; as provided.***
- ***CDO Notes as referred to during meeting 3 June 2017.***
- ***GSDCA President Presentation to meeting 4 June 2017.***
- ***CDO – GSDCA Executive points of clarification.***

## Matters as put forward by GSDCA Special Meetings conducted on 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

### **GSDCA Motion:**

**“That the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) rescinds the current policy on Schutzhund in Australia”.**

In 1989 - We accept the statement of the President (i.e. Mr Louis Donald),

*With regard to Schutzhund in Australia the Council takes the official view that whilst Schutzhund training is clearly of great benefit to the dog and has equally great sport and social benefits, the potential political problems associated with Schutzhund in Australia are such that the Council cannot give support to this activity.*

### Rationale:

*It was agreed that there was a need to rescind the GSDCA current policy on the conduct of Schutzhund (IPO/Dogsport) based on the fact that the current ANKC Policy is overarching and far more explicit and succinct with regard to what their members and members of affiliates can and cannot do.*

*In supporting this, the membership will remove the major obstacle in our ability to raise and to question the ANKC Policy. It is only when the GSDCA rescinds its policy can we can decide on the following item ‘WUSC-ANKC Dogsport Submission: Schedule 19’*

### ***Below is the current ANKC Policy for your information.***

#### **ANKC Policy on Schutzhund/IPO/Dogsport.**

The ANKC position on Schutzhund/ Dog Sport as adopted (2005- 2014) saw:

- All previous resolutions regarding Schutzhund up to and including May 1994 are rescinded.
- ANKC will not take responsibility for the management nor control of Schutzhund in Australia.

Also, the ANKC will not recognize any Schutzhund titles awarded in Australia or to any dog awarded a title resident in Australia.

- **No Member body of the ANKC** shall recognize or approve Schutzhund training activity or conduct Schutzhund Trial competition and any member taking part risks disqualification.
- ANKC Member Bodies consider Schutzhund training is not in the best interests of their activities

#### **ANKC Ltd. Policy Statement: Attack Training, adopted 2014:**

- *The Australian National Kennel Council Limited and its Member Bodies totally and unequivocally oppose the practices of training of any dog to attack humans or any other animals, or of causing dogs to fight.*
- We totally support any State or Federal laws that outlaw this practice. Such practice is an offence against all Member Bodies’ Regulations.
- Whilst appreciating that dogs are pack animals and that aggression may be natural canine behaviour, we expect all members to have their dogs under their effective control, particularly whilst in public places. Members should endeavour to ensure that their animals do not become involved in aggression incidents at any time.

ANKC rules state that it is an offence for members to participate in an activity that is not recognised/approved by the ANKC.

*The following was presented by CDO to the meeting as an essential element of the whole proposal as put to the GSDCA.*

**Schedule 19 is quite specific with regard to intent and process.**

The WUSV Board of Directors considers it to be obligatory on the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) that it embrace and manage all matters relating to the participation of pedigree German Shepherd Dogs in the sport of IPO in Australia. This is considered by the WUSV Board to be a matter of the highest level of importance.

An emphasis is placed on 'German Shepherd Dogs only'.

### **ANKC Dogsport Submission**

- a) The GSDCA shall put a recommendation to the ANKC that any of its club affiliated members who wish to participate in the sport of IPO may do so providing it is done with full compliance of State or Territory law.
- b) Subject to the above 19a being approved by the ANKC, the GSDCA shall, subject to normal club affiliation processes, affiliate ANKC affiliate German Shepherd Dog only Dogsport clubs, such clubs and their members shall be subject to compliance with the GSDCA – ANKC processes, constitution and rules.
- c) Subject to the above 19b being approved, the GSDCA shall formulate rules, policies, regulations and procedures including training regimes, judges training and licensing that complies with WUSV IPO rules and regulations. These rules, policies, regulations and procedures shall apply to all GSDCA affiliates and their members.

### **GSDCA Motion:**

**Schedule 19(a) - "That the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) shall put a submission to the ANKC that any of its club affiliated members who wish to participate in the sport of IPO, may do so providing it is done with full compliance of state or territory law.**

### *Rationale:*

*It must be noted that we are not at this time considering 19(b) & 19(c) and that the approach to be made by the GSDCA must be specific with regards to compliance and control of an activity which up until now has been conducted as a fringe activity that has failed to gain credible acceptance of the ANKC, wider canine community and our own membership.*

### **WUSV Harmonization Program**

This was first raised by the WUSV President Professor Dr Messler with WUSV member clubs at the September 2016 WUSV meeting in Nuremburg. The initiative was borne from concern about the continuing global decline in the anatomical standard, temperament, character and broad based popularity of the German Shepherd Dog. It is a global initiative not a parochial one.

The objective of the WUSV Board and its President is to have a standard specification based on minimum breeding requirements for German Shepherd Dogs across all WUSV member clubs and in that process the standard of the German Shepherd Dog globally will not only rise but be uniformly standardized and consolidated. Dogs that fulfill the breeding requirements will have their names and details entered into a WUSV stud book and only dogs that are entered into the Stud Book may be used for breeding in WUSV member club countries.

There are quite a number of items contained within the WUSV Breed Harmonization specification but by far the most critical and most difficult ones to address and implement relate to temperament, character, obedience and protection and whilst out of numeric matrix order as such I will commence with those issues.

## THREE ALTERNATIVE ROUTES TO BREEDING

### Current Process SV Germany

1. Prerequisites HD-ED-DNA	Grade at a Breed Show minimum of "Good" from 12 months old	BH Test Pass	Endurance Test AD	IPO-1	Breed Survey Classified
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### WUSV Member Clubs – Breed Harmonisation OPTION 1

2. Prerequisites HD-ED-DNA	ZAP Part One (Temperament Assessment) 9-13 months old	Grade at a Breed Show minimum of "Good" from 12 months old	Endurance Test	ZAP Part Two (Working Part) from 18 months	Breed Survey Classified
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### Or WUSV Member Clubs – Breed Harmonisation OPTION 2

3. Prerequisites HD-ED-DNA	ZAP Part One (Temperament Assessment) 9-13 months old	Grade at a Breed Show minimum of "Good" from 12 months old	BH/VT Test Pass	Endurance Test	IPO-1 Test Pass	Breed Survey Classified
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It is envisaged that routes Option 2 and Option 3 will replace the existing route. This will require that ALL dogs intended for breeding will have to do the Temperament Test (ZAP Part One) and proceed to the Breed Survey by either doing ZAP (Part Two) or the established BH/IPO1 tests.

The Breed Survey is the ultimate selection procedure to identify dogs passed for breeding. ZAP is a "test of breeding characteristics". ZAP Part Two includes training in nose work, obedience and defensive reactions. Unlike IPO it is not a competitive activity (sport).

## 1 WUSV – Working Test “ZAP”

### Schedule 1

#### Working Test ZAP (Part 1 Puppy Test)

- All dogs born after 30 June 2018 shall be required to pass the **ZAP** (Part 1 Puppy Test) in order to be eligible to participate in Breed Survey.
- The minimum age to participate in ZAP shall be 9 months and the maximum is 12 months.
- The GSDCA shall develop a WUSV compliant procedure manual, certificate, judges training and licensing program for **ZAP** that shall be effective **30 December 2019**.
- Dogs that pass the ZAP Part 1 test will be issued with a GSDCA certificate. This will constitute part of the mandatory paperwork required in the Breed Survey application procedure and shall be recorded on the Breed Survey certificate and dog's pedigree.

#### GSDCA Motion:

#### **“That the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) undertakes to implement Working Test ZAP (Part I Puppy Test), effective 30 December 2019.**

- All dogs born after **30 December 2019** shall be required to pass the **ZAP** (Part 1 Puppy Test) in order to be eligible to participate in Breed Survey.
- The minimum age to participate in ZAP shall be 9 months and the maximum is 13 months.
- The GSDCA shall develop a WUSV compliant procedure manual, certificate, judges training and licensing program for **ZAP** that shall be effective **30 December 2019**.
- Dogs that pass the ZAP Part 1 test will be issued with a GSDCA certificate. This will constitute part of the mandatory paperwork required in the Breed Survey application procedure and shall be recorded on the Breed Survey certificate and dog's pedigree.

#### Point's of Clarification: We have received following advice:

##### ZAP Part 1:

If a dog fails, providing it is under 13 months of age it can re- present. If it subsequently passes, it is noted on its report that it was re-presented and the reason why it failed initially and on the re- present is noted on the report. If a dog fails in its first test, represents and fails again the dog may proceed to the next step. Dogs that are older than 13 months cannot do the test but may proceed to the next stage without penalty.

##### Rationale:

*The introduction of the ZAP Part 1 test will, if accepted, be the first time the GSDCA has accepted that GSD character and working traits need to be tested and that a pass is an essential prerequisite before an animal is presented to Breed Survey. It must be noted that the start date has been amended from that proposed 30 December 2018 to 30 December 2019. The motion seeks a long lead time in order to ensure English training manuals are in place and training of and accreditation of assessors can take place in order to ensure the test is seen as credible and accepted. It must be noted that to notate the pass on an ANKC pedigree will require application and case to be made.*

**With regard to Schedule 2 & 3 the meeting decided that both these items be renegotiated and the following replaced, AD with ET and BH with an ANKC Obed title. It must be noted that currently we have a system in place nationally to cater for this whereas to train for a BH is far more complex and not easy to assess especially for those living in remote areas. It must also be noted that the motions are a result of the CDO proposal that whilst has been presented to the WUSV Board has yet to be formally accepted by them as a solution for Australia.**

We ask that the motions as listed are put to the membership

## 2 WUSV – Working Test “ZAP” plus BH

### Schedule2

#### Working Test ZAP plus BH

- All dogs born after 30<sup>th</sup> July 2019 shall be required to pass the **ZAP** (Part 1 Puppy Test) and **BH** Test in order to be eligible to participate in Breed Survey.
- The GSDCA shall develop a WUSV compliant procedure manual, certificates, judges training and licensing program for **BH** that shall be in place by **30 December 2021**.
- The minimum age to participate shall be 15 months.
- Dogs that pass will be issued with a GSDCA certificate. This will constitute part of the mandatory paperwork in the Breed Survey application procedure and recorded on the Breed Survey certificate and dog's pedigree.

#### GSDCA Motion:

**“That the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) undertakes to implement Working Test ZAP plus BH effective 30 December 2020.**

- All dogs born after 30<sup>th</sup> **December** 2019 shall be required to pass the **ZAP** (Part 1 Puppy Test) and **BH** Test in order to be eligible to participate in Breed Survey.
- The GSDCA shall develop a WUSV compliant procedure manual, certificates, judges training and licensing program for **BH** that shall be in place by **30 December 2020**.
- The minimum age to participate shall be 15 months.
- Dogs that pass will be issued with a GSDCA certificate. This will constitute part of the mandatory paperwork in the Breed Survey application procedure and recorded on the Breed Survey certificate and dog's pedigree.

## 3 WUSV – Working Test “ZAP” plus BH plus AD

### Schedule3

#### Working Test ZAP plus BH plus AD

- All dogs born after 30 July 2020 shall be required to pass the **ZAP** (Part 1 Puppy Test), **BH and AD** tests in order to be eligible to participate in Breed Survey.
- The GSDCA shall develop a WUSV compliant procedure manual, certificates, judges training and licensing program for **AD** that shall be in place by **30 December 2021**.
- Dogs that pass will be issued with a GSDCA certificate. This will constitute part of the mandatory paperwork in the Breed Survey application procedure and recorded on the Breed Survey certificate and dog's pedigree.

#### GSDCA Motion:

**“That the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) undertakes to implement Working Test ZAP plus BH, plus AD, effective 30 December 2021.**

- All dogs born after 30 July 2020 shall be required to pass the **ZAP** (Part 1 Puppy Test), **BH and AD** tests in order to be eligible to participate in Breed Survey.
- The GSDCA shall develop a WUSV compliant procedure manual, certificates, judges training and licensing program for **AD** that shall be in place by **30 December 2021**.
- Dogs that pass will be issued with a GSDCA certificate. This will constitute part of the mandatory paperwork in the Breed Survey application procedure and recorded on the Breed Survey certificate and dog's pedigree.



**TO BE NOTED: Advice as provided by Ms. Julie Urie, GSDCA Obedience Chairperson.**

As the majority of members voting on these issues will be breeders and show enthusiasts, I believe members should be fully informed on all details concerned with gaining BH or CD titles. Only after competing last weekend, do I now better understand this myself.

Simply asking them to choose one or the other, when most will not have an understanding of the pros and cons associated with both, may not get them the result they are after, which is the easiest route to Breed Survey.

In my opinion, BH is a more achievable goal, but members will be put off by the fact that it is unknown to them and that it is connected to IPO. Many, who I have spoken with, are under the misconception that it is associated with bite work and is a complicated test. Of course, this is not correct.

I will outline the differences between the two tests and it is this information which members need to be fully informed of before they are asked vote.

**BH:**

- Heeling pattern, both on and off lead. Includes turns, changes of pace and figure of eight around people. Changes of pace are demonstrated in straight line heeling, additional commands (such as down, stand, halt and turns) during change of pace not required.
- Sit and stay while handler walks 15 paces away, does about turn, pauses for 3 seconds, then returns to dog.
- Recall off lead (30 paces) from down position, with finish.
- Down Stay. Dog is required to stay in down position, handler 30 paces away with back turned. This is executed while another BH team is going through their BH routine.
- Followed by the traffic/temp test.

It must be noted, that during the BH assessment, only two dogs are ever on the ground at one time. One dog/handler team works through the routine, while the other team goes to the side of the ground to execute the 'down stay' far away from the other competitor. On completion of the first dog's routine, they swap places.

In an ANKC trial, there are multiple rings set up alongside each other, with multiple dogs working at different levels, in relatively small areas in close proximity to each other. The distraction level for competing dogs is high and this in itself can lead to loss of attention, resulting in failure.

**CD:**

- Heeling pattern off lead only. Includes turns, changes of pace and figure of eight around people. Additional commands (such as down, stand, halt and turns) during change of pace are required.
- Stand for examination off lead. Dog to remain standing steadily off lead, while judge approaches and runs hands over dog. Handler is two metres away.
- Recall off lead (at least 15 metres) from sit position, with finish.
- Optional exercises: Handler must choose which one to demonstrate. Retrieve dumbbell on flat. Dumbbell is thrown at least 4 metres. Dog must remain sitting at heel until given the command to retrieve. Dog must go out, pick up dumbbell and return to front of handler (all at a brisk pace). Dog must hold dumbbell until ordered by handler to release it.
- Or Change of position. The dog to promptly respond to the Handler's command 'Down' given from a distance. The dog is left in the standing position, the handler walks at least 3 metres out to the front and turns to face the dog, then gives the dog a command to down. The dog must not break from the standing position until commanded to do so. It must go down promptly, on one command only and remain in the down position until handler returns.
- 1 minute sit stay. The dog to stay off the lead in a sit position until the completion of the exercise. This is a group exercise. Dogs are required to be placed in a straight line, one beside the other, with 2.5 metres between each dog. Dogs are left in sit position, while handler stands at least 15 metres away, facing the dog. Dog must remain in sit position until handler returns.
- 1 minute down stay. The dog to stay off the lead in a down position until the completion of the exercise. This is a group exercise. Dogs are required to be placed in a straight line, one beside the other, with 2.5 metres between each dog. Dogs are left in down position, while handler stands at least 15 metres away, facing the dog. Dog must remain in down position until handler returns.

As can be seen, there are more elements to train for CD, than there are for BH.

The extra elements required, are often quite problematic for handlers to accomplish well. The stand for examination, dumbbell retrieve and change of position all fall into this category.

In particular, the sit and down stay exercises seem to be a huge problem. It is interesting to note that the GSD tops the ANKC list of dogs suspended due to aggression. A large proportion of these dogs have been suspended due to breaking position and interfering with other dogs in the stay line. In BH, the dog is only required to stay in the down position (easiest position) and this test is performed with the dog on its own, with the only distraction being the other BH team working their routine a good distance away.

Finally, there are two more important points worth noting.

Scoring is vastly different as well.

In ANKC trials, judging can be very harsh. In the respect that a dog can put in a stellar performance overall, but still be given a non qualifying score for one minor error. I will use myself as an example, but this and similar scenarios are repeated every week in ANKC trials. At the GSDCV Ch Show/Trial in March, after doing my individual routine, I was potentially on a Qualifying score of 199 out of 200, if I went on to complete both stays. My dog completed the down stay, but broke her sit stay only 15 seconds before completion. She had sat, with me completely out of sight, for 2mins and 45 seconds. The required time is 3 mins. She completely failed, because she broke 15 seconds early. The excellent work she had demonstrated for all other exercises counted for absolutely nothing. The dog's work as a whole is not considered at ANKC trials. This can be very disheartening, especially to newcomers.

As I recently discovered, BH judging is much fairer. Mistakes that would fail a team in ANKC are not judged as a fail in BH. Points are deducted accordingly, but recognition is given to the dog's overall performance, instead of over penalising minor errors. This is much more conducive to gaining a pass. Of course, a team might still fail, but it would not be because of one minor error.

The other important item of note, is that to gain a BH title, a team only needs to pass the test on one occasion.

To gain a CD title, a team must pass the test on three occasions.

Whilst on the surface, a CD title may seem like a more palatable option, I don't believe it is, from a competing/judging standpoint.

The only benefit I see to adopting CD over BH, is that ANKC already has everything we need already in place, for the running and judging of such trials. However, this is only a benefit to GSDCA and the member clubs.

I believe the breed and the members would benefit by adopting BH.

Regardless of which way the members vote, we will still have members in some states that will have to deal with distance/lack of training access.

To summarise, I have no objection to the members being given the option to vote on CD as a pre-requisite for Breed Survey, if that option is acceptable to the WUSV. However, I do believe that the differences between CD and BH should be laid out clearly for them, in order that they actually know what they are voting for.

**Noting comments above the GSDCA Executive has considered discussion as had at both Special Meetings and as a way forward, especially in light of what infrastructure currently exists to train for and be judged for BH & AD as opposed to CD & ET in what is an established ANKC Obedience framework.**



The following is offered by the GSDCA Executive in an attempt if Schedule 1, 2 & 3, as proposed by CDO fail to be supported. We stress the need in light of past and current discussion that the following is considered as the most practical way of proceeding forward and demonstrating our willingness to meet an ideal as set by the WUSV. If supported it will be the basis by which we negotiate with the WUSV.

## Step 1 GSDCA – Working Test A

### GSDCA Motion:

**“That the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) undertakes to implement WUSV Working Test ZAP (Part 1 Puppy Test), effective 30 December 2019.**

The following shall apply:

- All dogs born after **30 December 2019** shall be required to pass the **ZAP** (Part 1 Puppy Test) in order to be eligible to participate in Breed Survey.
- The minimum age to participate in ZAP shall be 9 months and the maximum is 13 months.
- The GSDCA shall develop a WUSV compliant procedure manual, certificate, judges training and licensing program for **ZAP** that shall be effective **30 December 2019**.
- Dogs that pass the ZAP Part 1 test will be issued with a GSDCA certificate. This will constitute part of the mandatory paperwork required in the Breed Survey application procedure and shall be recorded on the Breed Survey certificate and dog’s pedigree.

### **Point’s of Clarification: We have received following advice:**

- ZAP Part 1: If a dog fails, providing it is under 13 months of age it can re-present.
  - If it subsequently passes, it is noted on its report that it was re-presented and the reason why it failed initially and on the re present is noted on the report.
  - If a dog fails in its first test, represents and fails again the dog may proceed to the next step.
- Dogs that are older than 13 months cannot do the test but may proceed to the next stage GSDCA Working Test B without penalty.
- Animals older than 13 months of age would need to complete and pass the BH Traffic test component in order to qualify.

OR

**In cases where a dog has failed the ZAP or is not within the prescribed age limits the following will apply:**

## Step 1 GSDCA – Working Test B

### GSDCA Motion:

**“That the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) undertakes to implement a BH ‘Traffic Test’ for animals that fail the WUSV Working Test ZAP (Part 1 Puppy Test), effective 30 December 2019.**

The following shall apply:

- All dogs born after **30 December 2019** that failed the WUSV **ZAP** (Part 1 Puppy Test) in order to be eligible to participate in Breed Survey must pass the “Traffic Test” component of BH.
- The minimum age to participate shall be 15 months.
- The GSDCA shall develop a WUSV compliant procedure manual, certificate, judges training and licensing program for BH Traffic Test that shall be effective **30 December 2019**.

- Dogs that pass the **BH 'Traffic Test'** will be issued with a GSDCA certificate. This will constitute part of the mandatory paperwork required in the Breed Survey application procedure and shall be recorded on the Breed Survey certificate and dog's pedigree.

Rationale:

*The introduction of the WUSV ZAP Part 1 test will if accepted be the first time the GSDCA has accepted that GSD character and working traits need to be tested and that a pass is an essential prerequisite before an animal is presented to Breed Survey. It must be noted that the start date has been amended from that proposed 30 December 2018 to 30 December 2019. Further it has been recognized that animals that fail and who are outside of the age limits require to be catered for and therefore the **GSDCA Working Test B** allows for these animals to be tested according to the requirements as pertain to the BH "Traffic Test".*

*Please see link to FCI rules (pages 21-28) [www.fci.be/medias/UTI-REG-IPO-en-498.pdf](http://www.fci.be/medias/UTI-REG-IPO-en-498.pdf) and link to video traffic test <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XknTTjsClwU>*

*The motion seeks a long lead time in order to ensure English training manuals are in place and training of and accreditation of assessors can take place in order to ensure the test is seen as credible and accepted.*

## Step 2 GSDCA – Working Test A

**All dogs born after 30<sup>th</sup> July 2021 shall be required to pass the ZAP (Part 1 Puppy Test), gain a qualifying score in ANKC Companion Dog (CD) and an ET Title in order to be eligible to participate in Breed Survey.**

**The following shall apply**

- The minimum & max age to participate in
  - ZAP Part 1 is 9 and 13 months respectively.
  - CD is 6 months.
  - ET is 24 months
    - (This will conflict with Breed Survey minimum age of 18 months however there is no reason why we could not conduct an equivalent test that can has minimum age of 15 months.
- Dogs that pass ZAP Part 1 will be issued with a GSDCA certificate. This together with copy of ANKC CD and ET Title will constitute part of the mandatory paperwork in the Breed Survey application procedure and recorded on the Breed Survey certificate and dog's pedigree.

**OR in cases where a dog has failed the ZAP or is not within the prescribed age limits the following will apply:**

## Step 2 GSDCA – Working Test B

**All dogs born after 30<sup>th</sup> July 2021 shall be required to pass the BH 'Traffic Test', gain a qualifying score in ANKC Companion Dog (CD) and Endurance Title (ET) Title in order to be eligible to participate in Breed Survey.**

- CD is 6 months.
- ET is 24 months
  - (This will conflict with Breed Survey minimum age of 18 months however there is no reason why we could not conduct an equivalent test that can take place at 15 months.
- Dogs that pass BH 'Traffic Test' will be issued with a GSDCA certificate. This together with copy of ANKC CD qualifying pass & ET Title will constitute part of the mandatory paperwork in the Breed Survey application procedure and recorded on the Breed Survey certificate and dog's pedigree.

Rationale:

*The introduction date of 2021 will allow a graduated implementation of what will be another unique milestone that the Council has achieved. The requirement for a qualifying pass in CD is in line with what was proposed in motions related to BH, i.e. one only has to pass BH once in order for that to be recognised as a pass. Further it is expected that members who have gained a pass would continue trialling and achieve a CD title with their dog.*

GSDCA Working Test B again allows a path for animals that have failed ZAP and are too old to participate. It must be noted that if IPO is adopted by the ANKC as a sanctioned canine activity, then in addition to these motions members may take the paths as offered by the WUSV requirements regarding prerequisites for Breed Survey.

## 1. WUSV – Microchip/Tattooing

### Schedule 4

Microchip compulsory - *in place now.*

## 2. WUSV – DNA

### Schedule 5

#### **DNA - National DNA Identification Scheme and Procedures.**

Mandatory from July 01, 2018 on. Dogs who do not comply with this stipulation do not qualify for a stamp in their pedigrees. Taking the blood samples for DNA analysis requires a certain expert knowledge, and the possibility of corresponding training courses is being considered. Also, the involvement of the continental directors in this procedure is a conceivable option. The “*Four-Eyes-Principle*” is a mandatory criterion in order to avoid fraud attempts. To begin with, the blood samples obtained shall only be stored.

The foreign member clubs will be provided with GoCards, and are required to have their dog’s microchipped, and the blood samples taken by means of the GoCards. An evaluation of the DNA obtained shall only materialize in case the respective dog is supposed to be admitted to breeding, respectively in case a HD/ED examination shall be carried out. The price per GoCard will be 7.00 Euro. The processing shall be carried out by the SV headquarters’ offices. The price for storage of GoCards will amount to 19.00 Euro. The total pricing for processing, storage plus evaluation will amount to 65.00 Euro. The respective entries into the pedigrees will be by the SV certification stamp.

#### **GSDCA Motion:**

**“That the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) as of 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018, investigates the ramifications of introducing the WUSV DNA Scheme and what will soon be announced as an ANKC initiative that will introduce its own DNA testing regime.**

#### Rationale:

*DNA testing through the WUSV will enable Australian bred and owned dogs to become part of a global identification register for GSDs. The SV scheme has been running now for in excess of ten years. There is currently no DNA register in Australia, however given that the ANKC is considering the introduction of a DNA scheme we would need to ensure that the markers for identification in the German scheme are the same as what would be analysed here in Australia so that dogs born here will comply with ANKC regulations for registration in any future proposed scheme. There are costs to consider with regard to the SV DNA scheme that are outlined in the explanation. Noting fact that the ANKC Scheme is at an early stage of consideration and formulation it is recommended that until such time as we have the ANKC Scheme formalized that we investigate if there is scope to work with both schemes or will the ANKC suffice both the WUSV and our needs. There may be even scope to share the DNA profiling of each animal provided the markers as used by both schemes are compatible.*

#### Extra information:

*DNA profiling: Provides an owner with their dog’s unique DNA identity; establishes an accurate and reliable permanent record of any identity for any dog; confirms that pedigrees are correct and guarantees puppy buyers that pedigrees are accurate; can be used in cases of multiple sires and can determine and verify the sire in any litter; can verify and guarantee semen to be used for artificial insemination; can put to rest any issues of breeding disputes over parentage*

***The following is offered for information:***

DNA – Proposed “Draft ANKC DNA Scheme *Draft planning for scheme as per discussion with ANKC Vice President 26 May 2017.*

1. The ANKC is looking to introduce DNA Storage for parentage testing which at least 12 months down the track for all breeds of dogs and will be introduced after a set date.
2. DNA will be taken and stored after microchipping for whelps registered on the Main Register.
3. Whelps on the Limited Register, DNA will not be required as they are not to be bred with.
4. If DNA is not provided for whelps on the Main Register by the time the animal is 6 months of age, registration will be transferred to the Limited Register.
5. If a breeder was only keeping 1 or 2 puppies from a litter, DNA would only need to be stored for those puppies as they are potentially going to be bred with.
6. Frozen Semen will be exempt due to the cost of freezing and loss of semen.
7. DNA will only require to be proven if parentage is in doubt.
8. The ANKC will not require animals to be DNA proven prior to being bred with.
9. Each Canine Control will have a bank where the DNA Cards are stored.
10. Cost to store DNA from 1 puppy would be approximately \$3.
11. DNA would be taken by Veterinarians or trained DNA Collection agents which could be either saliva or blood.
12. GSDCA Club officials MAY be able to become DNA Collection agents after suitable training through an appropriate RTO.
13. GSD's could be DNA proven after HD & ED x-rays are taken i.e. 12 months plus of age, and prior to presenting them to Breed Survey after 18 months of age or breeding. This could be a separate GSDCA regulation put in place by the GSD.

As this scheme will be introduced and will be compulsory for all dogs registered on the Main Register, the GSD will need to comply with the ANKC requirement therefore consideration of any another scheme could be futile.

**3. WUSV – Minimum Breeding Age (Males)**

**Schedule 6**

**Minimum breeding age** - The matrix indicates that this will increase to 24 months over time. *Currently the ANKC policy sees the minimum age for male's set at 18 months.*

**An ANKC Regulation plus State Canine Control Regulations attached:**

[http://ankc.org.au/media/8918/6-ankc-ltd-reg6\\_registration\\_apr-17.pdf](http://ankc.org.au/media/8918/6-ankc-ltd-reg6_registration_apr-17.pdf) - Section 8.8.

**GSDCA Motion:**

**“That the GSDCA Code of Ethics is amended to read: The minimum breeding age for a dog will be 24 months at the time of mating”.**

*Currently the ANKC policy sees the minimum age for male's set at 18 months, at time of mating.*

**GSDCA Motion:**

**“That the GSDCA make submission to the ANKC proposing a change to the current regulation and see it amended to apply nationally for the GSD breeding age for a male is set at 24 months at the time of mating”.**

*Any change to current ANKC/ Canine Control will need to be put to ANKC and if accepted would then be put to the vote of all GSD owners.*

4. **WUSV – Minimum Breeding Age (Females)**

**Schedule 7**

**Minimum breeding age** - *The matrix indicates that this will increase to 20 months over time. Currently the ANKC policy sees the minimum age for female's set at 18 months.*

**ANKC and State Canine Control Regulations attached.**

**GSDCA Motion:**

**“That the GSDCA Code of Ethics is amended to read: The minimum breeding age for a female will be 20 months, at the time of mating”.**

**GSDCA Motion:**

**“That the GSDCA make submission to the ANKC proposing a change to the current regulation and see it amended to apply nationally for the GSD breeding age for a female is set at 20 months, at the time of mating”.**

*Any change to current ANKC/Canine Control will need to be put to ANKC and if accepted would then be put to the vote of all GSD owners.*

5. **WUSV – Maximum number of Studs per Year**

**Schedule 8**

**Maximum number of studs per year** - 90 studs maximum

**GSDCA Motion:**

**“That the following is included in the GSDCA Code of Ethics: The maximum number of studs any one dog may have will be limited to 90 per calendar year”.**

*Rationale: Self explanatory*

6. **WUSV – Maximum number of litters females**

**Schedule 9**

**Maximum number of litters' females** - 3 litters maximum during 24 months.

**ANKC and State Canine Control Regulations attached.**

**GSDCA Motion:**

**“That the following is included in the GSDCA Code of Ethics: The maximum number of litters any one bitch may have, be limited to 3 per 24 month period. It is noted where the Canine Control regulation is tougher then that will apply”.**

**GSDCA Motion:**

**“That the GSDCA make submission to the ANKC proposing a change to the current regulation that will see it amended to apply nationally for GSD: The maximum number of litters any one bitch may have be limited to 3 per 24 month period”.**

*Any change to current ANKC/ Canine Control will need to be put to ANKC and if accepted would then be put to the vote of all GSD owners.*

## 7. WUSV – Re x-ray – Hip Dysplasia

### Schedule 10

Re-X-ray–Hip Dysplasia (HD) - After 30 studs, dogs are re-x-rayed.

#### GSDCA Motion:

“That effective 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020, the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) implements a procedure that ensures all GSDCA Breed Surveyed male dogs, after 30 litters, must be re-x-rayed for HD/ED.

#### Rationale:

*The SV introduced and has in place a process that records the number of studs a dog has. It is mandatory that after 30 studs the dog must be x-rayed again for HD/ED noting that a dog’s hip and elbow status may change over time.*

*It is also a checking system to ensure that the dog presented after 30 studs is the same dog x-rayed at 12 months.*

*Noting fact we do not, like the ANKC register litters, a more convenient process, utilizing the ANKC database of litter registrations (they do not keep records of studs had) would see dogs that have had 30 litters registered re x-rayed in our scheme.*

#### Point of Clarification given with regard to advice received:

- *If a dog fails to gain a pass in HD and/or ED then its Breed Survey status is removed.*

## 8. WUSV – Artificial Insemination (AI)

### Schedule 11

Artificial Insemination – note currently allowed and covered by ANKC & GSDCA Regulations

For information: The SV are currently reviewing their ‘no’ policy with regard to use of semen and may allow the use of AI with some limitations. It is a work in progress.

## 9. WUSV – Inbreeding Limits

### Schedule 12

Inbreeding limits - Forbidden inbreeding - 1/1, 1-2, 2-1, 2/3, 3/2.

#### GSDCA Motion:

##### Current Regulation:

“Animals born after 1 July 2011 to be classified at breed survey must not have any line-breeding closer than (3-2) or (2-3)”.

Animals born prior to 1 July 2011 exempt.

##### Proposed Regulation:

“That the current regulation regarding inbreeding is amended to read:

“Animals born after **1 July 2018** to be classified at breed survey must not have any line-breeding closer than (3-3)”.

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

*Note: This matter was discussed at 2016 NBC meeting and was to be presented at the upcoming NBC Meeting. If the regulation as proposed is amended then the following motion if accepted will ensure the regulation will apply provided it has support by ALL GSD breeders via an ANKC Survey.*



**GSDCA Motion:**

“That the GSDCA make submission to the ANKC proposing a change to the current regulation with regard to line breeding as it applies to GSD to not having linebreeding any closer than 3-3”.

Rationale:

*The SV has introduced linebreeding limits based on findings that linebreeding closer than 3-3 is undesirable and in fact a narrowing the gene pool. Close linebreeding increases the risk of perpetuating genetic faults that become cemented in the gene pool and therefore weaken the blood base. It is considered that 3-3 still enables breeders to focus on desirable traits of that particular animal whilst reducing the risk of cementing undesirable faults.*

**10. WUSV – Hip Dysplasia (HD) Scheme and X-rays**

**Schedule 13**

**HD Scheme and X-Rays**

**GSDCA has a HD Scheme in place that has been in operation since 1984, some 33 years.**

**11. WUSV – Elbow Dysplasia (ED) Scheme and X-rays**

**Schedule 14**

**ED Scheme and X-Rays**

**GSDCA has a ED Scheme in place that has been in operation since 1991, some 26 years.**

**12. WUSV – HD/ED Procedure**

**Schedule 15**

**Hip Dysplasia (HD) / Elbow Dysplasia (ED) Procedure**

It is intended that there be a central evaluation analysis of all radiographs. The images shall be taken in the individual member countries. This requires a basic seminar for appropriate training of the radiologist. These courses shall be held in Germany or in the respective member countries. The total expenses for the attendance are estimated to amount to approximately 3,000.00 Euro. The number of participants shall be limited to six to eight persons, and the fee for the training course itself will be 600.00 Euro.

The initiation of the HD/ED procedure shall be mandatory from July 01, 2018 on. Radiographs may only be taken by certified radiologists, and the evaluation shall be carried out at the Gesellschaft für Röntgendiagnostik genetisch beeinflusster Skeletterkrankungen bei Kleintieren e.V.(GRSK) in the town of Gießen Germany.

In case of irregularities and fraudulent behaviour the license conceded can be withdrawn again. The radiographs shall be taken using state of the art digital technology. Every four years a recertification of the radiologist is required.

**Schedules 13-15**

**GSDCA Motion:**

“That the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) continues with its own HD/ED Scheme, with consideration being given to having its readers accredited by the WUSV and the possible sharing of HD/ED Data”.

Rationale:

*The GSDCA HD&ED Schemes have been in place for a very long time. Both are well administered and provide credible data which is used by our breeders. Whilst the GSDCA understands the WUSV aspiration to provide a credible scheme to countries who have yet to establish their own or whose schemes may be suspect with regard to corruption, we strongly believe our schemes well serve the needs of our breeders and the GSD in Australia. The motion allows for cooperation to*

*better align the WUSV and GSDCA Scheme with regard to interpretation of data in order to better inform the WUSV scheme.*

### 13. **WUSV – Minimum Show Grading**

#### **Schedule 16**

#### **Minimum Show Grading – Good.**

#### **GSDCA Motion:**

**“That effective 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018, as a pre-requisite for Breed Survey, a dog must have gained a minimum of a “Good” grading at a specialist show prior to application for Breed Survey. The grading certificate must be provided with other documentation at Breed Survey.**

#### Rationale:

*The motion mirrors what occurs in Europe where ‘working’ GSD is encouraged to be shown and gain a grading of Good and then be allowed to be assessed in the SV/Other WUSV Member Club Breed Survey’s. One could argue that the grading of ‘good’ does not reflect the standard of average to above average anatomical construction required to be bred with but the GSDCA Executive understands the intent - in effect its to embrace ALL and not exclude.*

### 14. **WUSV – Breed Survey**

#### **Schedule 17**

#### **Breed Survey**

The first Breed Survey classification for males shall be for two years from the date of survey. At the end of which the males shall be represented for life classification.

#### **GSDCA Motion:**

**“That effective 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020, the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) will initiate that the first Breed Survey classification shall be for two years, at the end of which, the males shall be represented for life classification”.**

- **After the two years has expired, the dog has a period of 3 months in which to be represented.**
- **Failure to represent within this period will see the dog forfeit his Breed Survey classification.**

#### Rationale:

*Currently in Australia many males that are breed surveyed at a young age of 18-24 months and therefore noting that a GSD male does not fully develop, his description with regard to virtues and faults may not be best described. Allowing males to come back to survey would see a more complete description recorded coupled with fact the animal would only be presented for microchip verification, height, character and gun testing. In effect the represent would see exactly the same process as applies to imported animals that are breed surveyed where description may be enhanced, remain the same, and or concerns noted. Further, if an animal fails to represent by the time he is 28 months of age he will forfeit his breed survey classification: note the 3 month period does allow leeway in light of fact Breed Surveys are in most cases conducted quarterly by Member Clubs.*

### 15. **WUSV – Pedigree as per ANKC**

#### **Schedule 18**

#### **Pedigrees as per ANKC**

***This is in place now.***

**16. WUSV – ANKC Dogsport Submission**

To be dealt with as first item of the meeting.

**17. WUSV – SV Working Dog Judges**

**Schedule 20**

**SV Working Dog Judges**

Until the outcome of Schedule 19 is determined, as an interim measure only, applications from the WGSDCA seeking GSDCA approval for the club to invite SV Working Dog judges to judge IPO events in Australia shall be approved by the GSDCA.

**GSDCA:**

**This item will be held in abeyance and no decision to be made until the approach to the ANKC regarding Schedule 19(a) has been agreed to by the Member Clubs, and the ANKC's decision is favourable. Until that time the status quo will apply.**

**18. WUSV – WUSV World IPO Championships – Australian Representative**

**Schedule 21**

**WUSV World IPO Championships – Australian representative**

Until the outcome of Schedule 20 is determined, as an interim measure commencing with applications to attend the 2017 WUSV World Championships, the GSDCA shall endorse any application received from individuals being members of a GSDCA Member Club to represent Australia at WUSV IPO World Championships. Such application shall be based on WGSDCA endorsement and entry requirement qualifications having been attained by the nominated dog at a WGSDCA (Working German Shepherd and Dogsport Club of Australia) IPO National Championship officiated by an SV judge in the year of the WUSV World Championship.

**GSDCA:**

**This item will be held in abeyance and no decision to be made until the approach to the ANKC regarding Schedule 19(a) has been agreed to by the Member Clubs, and the ANKC's decision is favourable. Until that time the status quo will apply.**

**19. WUSV – Grading of Excellent / Vorzuglich**

**Schedule 22**

**Grading of Excellent /Vorzuglich**

As from 1 July 2018 when exhibited under an SV judge only dogs that are a minimum of two (2) years of age, DNA, Breed Surveyed, HD/ED certificate and pass a gun test during the show shall qualify for the grading 'V' – 'Excellent'.

Recommendation: Gun test shall apply as at 2018 GSDCA National.

**GSDCA Motion:**

**“That as from 1 December 2019, when exhibited under an SV judge, only dogs that are a minimum of two (2) years of age, DNA, Breed Surveyed, HD/ED certificate and pass a gun test during the show shall qualify for the grading 'V' – 'Excellent'.”**

**GSDCA Motion:**

**“That the gun test will be introduced and conducted forthwith with the exception being for shows where the ANKC schedule has been approved and apply to all animals exhibited in the Open Classes at all Member Club and or sponsored shows where the GSDCA Excellent grading may be awarded”.**

**Clarification sought with advice given:**

The gun test component will be mandatory forthwith. Hence logical solution it needs to apply to all shows that have yet to have their schedules approved.

**Rationale:**

*It is expected that SV accredited judges will insist that the gun test is conducted in order to award animals that are minimum 2 years of age the excellent grading.*

**20. WUSV – Grading of Excellent Select / Vorzuglich Auslese**

**Schedule 23**

**Grading of Excellent Select / Vorzuglich Auslese**

Subject to Schedule 19 being ratified by the ANKC, dogs who are a minimum of 2 years of age, DNA, Breed Surveyed, HD/ED, have an IPO title and pass a protection test and gun test 'at a GSDCA National Show and Trial' shall qualify for the grading 'VA' – 'Excellent Select'

**GSDCA:**

**This award is given on breed worth only. Our shows are currently based on ANKC policy. The GSDCA can decide if grading should be awarded in the future however noting the award normally applies only to a country's main breed show, the Excellent Select (VA) would only be awarded if and when this Council decides to hold a "National Breed Show".**

**21. Any Other Business**