

Actions from the Sunday 4th June meeting

WUSV CDO- GSDCA Executive Clarification

Schedule 1

Action: CDO to provide clarification with the appeal process if a dog fails or what process is in place for animals over the age of 12 months to participate.

- *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.*

Schedule 10.

If a dog fails the re x-ray, is that dog out of the breeding scheme and no longer breed surveyed?

Action: Seek further information from CDO.

If a dog fails re x-ray, it is no different to failing on the first – Its Breed Survey status is terminated.

Schedule 11.

Is there is a minimum distance applied and whether or not semen from a dog now deceased can still be used.

Action: Seek further information from CDO.

This information is not available – it is a work in progress

Schedule 13-15

Action: CDO to seek clarification with respect of GSDCA continuing with its own scheme but having its readers accredited by WUSV and possibility of sharing our data to value add to WUSV scheme.

The WUSV Board have stated the current processes remain as is but at some future point in time the reader will reside in Germany. Again, this is a work in progress and a lot of water to go under the bridge before clarity is provided. For the record, what is suggested here was conveyed to the WUSV some months ago but I have had no response other than to say the suggestion has been received and noted.

Schedule 22.

Action: Seek further information from CDO: if gun test will be compulsory before 2018 National we need to know now. We cannot have the situation where judges will not award excellent if gun test is not carried out.

I have been told the gun test will be mandatory forthwith. Notwithstanding I believe there is room for a timely introduction to avoid any problems for clubs my recommendation is subject to show schedules not already approved – the gun test needs to be a condition of entry - the gun test should apply to any SV judge judging in Australia.

Comment from the GSDCA Executive.

The motion as placed in the agenda for the SGM reflects the need for common sense to prevail and that if agreed to, will apply to all shows where the schedule has yet to be approved.

Action: The Chair will obtain clarification from the CDO as to what the ramification will be if we are disaffiliated.

Disaffiliation has wide ranging implications, some unknown.

A few that come to mind;

- No SV judges
- No WUSV judges
- Aside from the above, a likely difficulty in procuring judges that are closely associated with the WUSV/SV
- No semen from Germany and other close tied EU member countries should this eventuate
- The likelihood of the arising of a new SV supported WUSV member organization

Personally, based on the first two items and with full consideration accorded to the last item, I think within 5/6 years, disaffiliation would see a 'significant decrease' in the number of dogs and enthusiasts attending Specialist GSD Shows and participating in Breed Improvement Schemes such as Breed Survey.

Comment from the GSDCA Executive:

We believe that disaffiliation should be avoided regardless of the outcome of decisions to be taken at the coming SGM. There must be a willingness to find an amicable solution through compromise on both sides and realisation that not all may be taken on board due to a number of circumstances. Namely not all can be done immediately and without realistic timelines: after all we have over the last 57 years demonstrated our ability to serve the welfare and betterment of the GSD. This excellent track record has been applauded by the ANKC, many SV judges and WUSV members!

Yes, if we are disaffiliated then it is possible that the show scene may suffer due to lack of SV judges, but fact is that apart from the National not many SV judges, actually judge our shows. Whilst we understand SV foreign list (SVFL) and the soon to be introduced new category of WUSV Judges (currently there are no WUSV judges as such), may have WUSV embargos placed on them, it must be noted, they are first and foremost FCI judges as approved by their own Canine Controls. Therefore if invited by a non WUSV member, they would like they do now if invited by ALL Breed clubs, they judge all over the world, still be able to judge Member Club Shows.

Life will continue as is the case now- the fact is that currently the ANKC and its members will not recognise more than one Breed Council and or other GSD Clubs respectively! Their policy is in fact one breed council, one breed club per state and or territory (where multiple breed clubs exist

they are recognised but in cases as has been the case of our one of our Member clubs that was one of three GSD clubs in NSW folded, it cannot be replaced. There are now 2 GSD clubs in NSW!

Further, based on the WUSV Harmonisation and noting the importance of IPO in that matrix and likelihood IPO will not be approved as an ANKC sanctioned activity any new GSD organisation as accepted by the WUSV would sit on the fringe like the many Clubs / groups do now without ANKC affiliation. Further it must be noted that IPO in this country is practised by at best 100 GSD owners.

The GSDCA structure, via its Member Clubs current and future outreach into the community and the fact it is the only GSD Breed Council the ANKC currently recognises cannot be dismissed.

Our approach has been to be proactive and offer compromise where possible with matters raised to date and enact the memberships wishes on the question of WUSV Harmonisation and introduction of IPO.

If we are disaffiliated by the WUSV we will survive well past 5/6 years and continue to serve the GSD and ensure it is protected, its health and welfare improved and maintain the breed standard through credible breed improvement schemes as put in place well before many members of the WUSV and the SV itself did or have done so to date..