

German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia



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Via email: tbarry@ankc.org.au

Dear Tracey,

The German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) Annual General Meeting held in February 2019, decided to cease the requirement to apply the current LRL relative to the requirement for Haemophilia testing as a prerequisite for German Shepherd Dogs to participate in the GSDCA Breed Survey scheme.

As a result of this decision, the GSDCA now requests that the current ANKC LRL, as applies to Factor VIII (H-neg) testing for Haemophilia A in German Shepherd Dogs be removed as a prerequisite for registration of GSD litters.

The current LRL for German Shepherd dogs:

8.8.2 For all German Shepherd litters born after 1.1.99 and where the parents have been born after 1.1.97, these parents must show results of x-rays for hips and elbows, and a Haemophilia A result for the males, as defined below:

Effective September 1, 2004, the following requirements will apply:

- 1. All imported GSD males must have an Australian Hneg certificate prior to ANY progeny being registered in Australia.*
- 2. All sons of imported GSD bitches must be in possession of an Australian Hneg certificate prior to ANY of their progeny being registered in Australia.*
- 3. All GSD males born from litters imported in whelp must be in possession of an Australian Hneg certificate prior to ANY of their progeny being registered in Australia.*
- 4. Where a GSD bitch is sired by imported semen, any of her male offspring must have an Australian Hneg Certificate prior to any of his progeny being registered in Australia. (05/04)*
- 5. Any GSD male sired by imported semen must have an Australian Hneg Certificate prior to any of his progeny being registered in Australia. (10/17,6.5.1-effective 01/01/18)*

This application is made following the Veterinarian advice of Dr. Candice Baker BVSc (Chairperson, GSDCA Breed Health and Wellbeing Committee), Dr. Karen Hedberg BVSc (Former Chairperson, GSDCA BHWC) and Professor Bruce Parry BVSc PHD, a long time advisor to the GSDCA with regard to Haemophilia.

It has been noted that over the past 15-20 years, the GSDCA has not had a Factor VIII deficiency for Haemophilia A in any imported male/s and their progeny, or Australian bred male GSD dogs.

Whilst the Haemophiliac population in GSD was identified some 30 years ago, we have to date had no recurrence. At that time the Haemophilia Negative scheme was implemented by the GSDCA with advice from Professor Bruce Parry, Melbourne University, who provided expert advice with regard to blood clotting disorders in domestic species.

It is with confidence, that at this point in time, we do not have a Haemophiliac problem within the breed.

In the event that any confirmed Factor VIII deficient Haemophiliac male GSD arose in the future, stringent Factor VIII testing on animals related would immediately be put in place to avoid any further passage of the disease.

The GSDCA looks forward to our request being processed as soon as possible in accordance with the ANKC Regulations.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

Val Moody

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Honorary Secretary

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