

Admission Regulations

1. Requirements for the participation in breed selections and for breed admission

- 1.1. The following requirements shall apply for all three levels.
- 1.2. Only German Shepherd Dogs with pedigrees that are recognized by the WUSV/ FCI, and who have completed the minimum age of 18 months shall be admitted for the procedure of breed admission. Female dogs are admitted for breeding from the age of 20 months, and male dogs from the age of 24 months.
- 1.3. Verification of a WUSV recognized hip diagnosis (FCI categories A, B, or C, respectively WUSV categories normal, almost normal or still admitted).
- 1.4. Verification of a WUSV recognized elbow diagnosis (FCI categories 0 or 1, respectively WUSV categories free, intermediate or mild ED).
- 1.5. Verification of a minimum breeding evaluation (conformity to standard) "Good/ Gut" under a judge recognized by the national WUSV member club.
- 1.6. Verification of DNA examination based on the pedigree entry DNA- tested or the entry DNA-stored as confirmed by the SV subcontractor.
- 1.7. Verification of a successfully passed character test.

2. Breeding Permission

Within the WUSV the three-tier model Basic, Advanced and Premium applies.

2.1. Basic

- 2.1.1. A presentation of the dogs on the occasion of a breed survey is not required.
- 2.1.2. The documents as listed under items 1.3 to 1.7 have to be presented at the studbook department of the national organization. Once the documents have been verified the owner of the dog receives a written breed permission based on level Basic.
- 2.1.3. Dogs who in the meantime qualified for a higher level such as Advanced or Premium may be registered for an up-grade and thus obtain one of the next higher levels according to the latest qualification.
- 2.1.4. Descendants of dogs for whom the above mentioned applies shall not receive a newly issued pedigree – however – the up-grade shall be noted down in the pedigree.

2.2. Advanced

- 2.2.1. A presentation of the dogs on the occasion of a breed survey is not required.
- 2.2.2. In addition to the documents as listed under items 1.3 to 1.7 the following documents shall be presented along with the registration:
 - Verification of a successfully passed endurance test.
 - Verification of at least one successfully passed examination in terms of nose-work, obedience and defence work, for example according to the IGP, ZTP or SV-ZAP.

Once the documents have been verified the owner of the dog receives a written breed permission based on level Advanced.

- 2.2.3. Dogs who in the meantime qualified for a higher level such as Premium may be registered for a breed survey examination according to item 2.3. and following the successfully passed examination obtain the grading for Premium.
- 2.2.4. Descendants of dogs for whom the above mentioned applies shall not receive a newly issued pedigree – however – the up-grade shall be noted down in the pedigree

2.3 Premium

- 2.3.1. In order to qualify for the level of Premium, dogs shall be presented at an examination for a breed survey (initial breed survey valid for two years, indefinite breed survey valid for life-time). The procedure for breed surveys is defined in the respective regulations.

The identity of the presented dog shall be explicitly verified by the dog's chip number or the tattoo.

- a) The requirements as listed under items 1.2 to 1.6 and 2.2 have to be complied with.
- b) A successfully passed trial examination such as tracking work, obedience and defence work in accordance with the IGP or equivalent, HGH, RH2 is mandatory.

3. Dogs not admitted for breeding

3.1. Exclusion criteria for breeding – breeding ban on descendants

Hunde mit nachstehenden Mängeln:

- Dogs with weak character, vicious dogs and dogs with weak nerves
- Dogs diagnosed with moderate and severe HD
- Dogs diagnosed with moderate and severe ED
- Monorchids and Cryptorchids
- Dogs with disfigured ears or deficiencies in the tail
- Dogs with malformations
- Dogs with missing teeth and dental flaws

Missing of 1 premolar 3, plus one further tooth
or 1 fang tooth
or 1 premolar 4
or 1 molar 1
or 1 molar 2
or three teeth in total or more.
The missing of molar 3 shall not be considered.

- Dogs with considerable pigmentation disorders and so-called Blue Puppies (Bläulinge)
- Dogs with long stock hair without undercoat
- Dogs with long hair
- Dogs with deficiencies in the jaws
- More than 2 mm overbite

- Prognatism
- Bite from edge to edge in the entire incisor region

- Oversized or undersized dogs by more than 1 cm (currently suspended by the breed plan for height)

- Females after three cesarean sections

Interventions carried out on dogs with potential to change the phenotypical development of a dog and which are of importance in terms of breeding purposes are to be reported to the national organization. The representative in charge of the field of breeding decides on an individual basis whether the dog continues to qualify for breeding.

The breed value of dogs as described above is considerably limited as a result. For that reason, they shall not be admitted for breeding purposes. Descendants of those dogs cannot be admitted to the studbook or the amendment respectively side register. The owner of the dog affected shall be immediately informed about the decision in terms of the unsuitability respectively unfitness for breeding.

3.2. Withdrawal of the Beeding Permission

In case that a dog who was previously admitted for breeding shows a deficiency afterwards according to item 3.1. the commission for breeding takes the necessary action for clarification. The commission for breeding at national level is explicitly authorized to arrange for the presentation of the dog affected and/ or the respective descendants, and if

required arrange for a veterinary examination. If the deficiencies are confirmed the permission for breeding shall be withdrawn.

The owner has the right to be heard before a decision in terms of item 3.1. and 3.2 is taken. The decision shall be accompanied by a detailed explanation and be delivered by registered mail. The decision shall be entered into the original pedigree and published accordingly.

4. Mutual recognition of breed permissions

The national organizations are entitled to mutually recognize their respective regulations for breed permission in accordance with the WUSV breeding program.

5. Breeding without breed permission

The mating of dogs without breed permission is not admitted within the WUSV.