

# **Conformation Show Workshop**

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# Part 1: How to host a successful show

- Audience: All clubs interested in putting on a show.
- Overview: Learn all aspects of hosting a successful show from planning phases to final execution.
- Details:
- Planning
  - Dates, Selecting a Judge, Event Authorization, Judge's Request Form, Place, Sponsors, Trophies, Vendors, Catalog Advertisement, Show, Breed Survey, AD
- Equipment Needed
- Paperwork
  - Entry Forms, Catalog, Show Cards, Dental Notation, Koerliste, Breed Survey Forms
- Introduction to Zooza, third party show registry website
- Show classes and requirements for each class
- Breed survey requirements
- Entry Fees
- Show Execution
  - Check In
  - Order of Classes
  - Ring Stewards
  - Breed Survey set up

### Dates

- Check for show dates in surrounding regions
- Avoid week before and after Sieger Shows (USCA and WDA)
- Avoid 2-3 weeks before/after German Sieger Show
- Spring is in general easier to get an SV judge
- If you have a certain judge in mind you might have to plan 2 years ahead
- 2-3 weeks before a Sieger Show will attract people to enter dogs in the ring before the big show
- Mid to end June and late October, early November are good months to get breed survey entries

### Selecting a judge

- USCA judges
  - At this time we only have 3 USCA judges, Karen MacIntyre, Johannes Grewe, Ricardo Carbajal
  - Pros: easily accessible, less expensive, no language barrier, Karen and Johannes are working judges as well, possibility of hosting a working trial the same weekend.
  - Cons: will most likely get entries from USCA members only, can do USCA breed survey only

### SV judges

- Pros: will attract larger crowd, will draw WDA/GSDCA entries and more entries for breed survey since most breeders will only enter for SV breed survey.
- Cons: more expensive (\$1000 \$1200 plane ticket, \$250 judge's release), language barrier, most will require translator for the ring.

### Securing SV judge

- Plan ahead! Start looking for a judge at least 12 months ahead, plan in the fall for next season
- Judge's Request Form must be submitted to Stephanie Dunion 6 months ahead, Event Authorization must be approved by Regional Director prior to submitting Judge's Request Form
- You can buy a plane ticked for the judge (sooner the better, 6 months is a good window) but
   Stephanie will take care of any problems that might arise, it's smart to spend \$40 for insurance in case the show needs to be rescheduled for whatever reason

#### Place

- Think if you want to use your club field. Dogs will defecate on the field, there
  is a possibility of ruining the grass where the ring was
- Look for places as state parks, town parks with plenty of parking, preferably in the shade

### Sponsors

- Look for sponsors early, dog food vendors, local pet stores, equipment vendors
- Ask for raffle items/competitor bag items, trophy sponsorship
- Exchange sponsorship for free catalog advertisement

### Trophies

- Plan early to find reasonable prices, find someone with short lead time, order after entry deadline when you know how many dogs in each class
- Medal for each competitor is a nice touch.

#### Vendors

- Be happy if someone's interested, no need to charge for vendor space.
- Ask for donation to a raffle

- Catalog Advertisement
  - Check with local veterinarians, pet shops, grooming saloons, breeders
  - Suggested prices
- AD (Endurance Test)
  - Easy way to make extra money
  - Unlimited number of dogs
  - Watch the weather, plan on early morning or evening
  - AD will run about 2 ½ hours
  - Look for places where dogs can run on the grass
  - Plan AD before breed survey

#### Show

- Dog entered for a breed survey must obtain show rating before breed survey.
   For this reason it's better to schedule show on Saturday, breed survey on Sunday or show in the morning, breed survey in the afternoon.
- Size of the ring The ring is normally set up in a more oval shape. It is helpful to have an entrance on one end of the ring and an exit at the other end. Any brightly colored tape can be used to set the ring. I prefer an inner ring that is set at ground level and the outer ring's tape to be set approximately two feet from ground level. The two sets of tape should be approximately two to three yards apart. The size of the ring is determined by the size of the event. Figure about two to three yards per dog of the largest group entered for the length of the ring. A 20 X 30 yard ring would be more then enough for a small event.
- Breed Survey
  - The most involved part of the event
  - Make sure you get very familiar with all paperwork/procedures
  - Fill in paperwork way ahead, all information must be correct
  - Make sure you are using correctly classified helper
  - Offer practice for breed survey participants

### Equipment

- Show
  - Posts and rope
  - Table and canopy for the middle of the ring
  - Gun and ammunition
  - Measuring stick
- Breed Survey
  - Same as above
  - Measuring tape in centimeters (can buy in a craft store)
  - Scale in KG
  - Platform to put the scale on

### **Entry Form/Catalog**

- You need to create an entry form that provides you with all the necessary information you need for the show cards and the catalog.
- Create your own catalog with advertisements, greetings from your club president, regional director, regional breed warden, a list of sponsors, the schedule of events, and an index of exhibitors. The cover of the catalog should include the date and location of the show, the name of the judge, and the name of the hosting club. The classes in the catalog should be listed as followed (long stock coat classes follow stock coat classes):
  - Working Class Males
  - Working Class Females
  - Young Dog Males 18-24 mos.
  - Young Dog Females 18-24 mos.
  - Youth Dog Males 12-18 mos.
  - Youth Dog Females 12-18 mos.
  - Adult Class Males 24+ without title
  - Adult Class Females 24+ without title
  - Senior Puppy Class Males 9-12 mos.
  - Senior Puppy Class Females 9-12 mos.
  - Junior Puppy Class Males 6-9 mos.
  - Junior Puppy Class Females 6-9 mos.
  - Baby Puppy Class Males 4-6 mos.
  - Baby Puppy Class Males 4-6 mos.

# **Entry Form/Catalog**

- Start with the number "1" for the first dog entered in the working class males. For example, if you have 15 dogs entered in the working class males, save some numbers for late entries and start with number e.g. 20 for the working class females and so on. . The catalog number and the show card number of the entered dog must be identical.
- The following information about each entered dog needs to be in the catalog: Catalog number, full registered name of the dog, birthday, registration number, tattoo number, title(s), for breed surveyed dogs use an "\*" in front of dog's name; sire's registered name, sire's registration number, sire's working title(s); dam's registered name, dam's registration number, dam's title(s); the breeder's name and location; the owner's name and location

#### Example:

- 1 \*Canera von Pallas Athene, 04/14/99, USF5822, G-L4095, SchH3, Sire: \*Romeo v. Pallas Athene, SZ1969636, SchH3, Dam: \*Ricke v. West Germanien, SZ1898162, SchH1, Breeder: Jurgen Maibuchen, Germany, Owner: Laszlo & Cheryl Brasko, 17517 Orange St. Hesperia, CA 92345
- All Breed Survey entries must also be in the catalog

### **Show Card**

Show cards can be ordered from the office or create your own

Good

**Promising** 

Signature of Judge:

#### The German Shepherd Dog Was exhibited at the Cat. No: 7 Sex: male DOB: 1/22/2010 New England Regional Conformation Show Tattoo: BPOEBR4 Microchip: hosted by Quinebaug Schutzhund Club in Mansfield Center, CT on June 23rd, 2013 Name: Ryak vom kleinen Teich Shown in the following class: Reg Num: US 16918 Working Stock Coat IPO1 Was awarded the following rating: Olesko vom Sandstein SZ 2119311 Excellent Very Good Titles: V (US) Sufficient **Uns ufficient** Jenze vom kleinen Teich SZ 8015407 Reg#: Was awarded the following assesment: SG Titles: Very Promising Regeler: Christine L. Gaumont, DVM, United States Less Promising Daniela Bedenice Owner: 28 Creeper Hill Rd Judged by SV Franz Kampenhuber North Grafton, MA 1536

### **Breed Survey Form**

Prepare the English version for USCA judges, German version for German judges.

Don't forget that the dog owner must sign the bottom of the form

SV		FORM/ EYFORM	Note: According to the breed survey program this form mus presented to the registration office at least 7 days prior to the breed survey date.
Main Office	Survey	Male	Female Kör-Nr.
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Male/Female Name			
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Signature of Owner form\_sba\_115 - 0410.001

### **Breed Survey Letter**

Temporary Breed Survey certificate must be given to all breed survey participants and must be signed by a judge



\*Nessie ∨om Patiala

### UNITED SCHUTZHUND CLUBS OF AMERICA Temporary Certificate of Breed Survey

The German Shepherd Dog

(dog name)

Registration #\_AKC DN21049504

Tattoe/Chip #\_\_\_\_

Has been breed surveyed on \_June 24th, 2013 in \_Mansfield Center, CT

And is rated

KKL:\_\_\_\_\_

TSB: pronounced\_\_\_\_\_ present\_\_\_

The tattoo number in the dog's ear/microchip number is identical with the number on the pedigree.

Körmeister

### **Dental Notation**

Can be offered at the end of the classes or on lunch break

Charge a small fee \$15-\$20

Offer it free for show participants

Dental notation form is located in a score book or can be downloaded from USCA website

Have some extra forms

Make sure all participants have the form filled before approaching a judge

### **Certification of Tooth and Dentition Status**

(to be completed by a USA or SV Conformation Show Judge, or an SV Körmeister only)

	(full registered name of dog)					
has submitted to a tooth examination (to betteeth.)	be done as soon as dog receives permanen					
Remarks:						
Tattoo:	Right Lower Jaw					
Dental fault entered in pedigree:						
Date:	yesno					

### **Show Classes**

- Puppy Classes
  - Baby Puppy 4-6 mo
  - Junior Puppy 6-9 mo
  - Senior Puppy 9-12 mo
  - Ratings awarded
    - Very Promising
    - Promising
    - Less Promising
  - Ratings from these classes do not count for breed survey
  - Puppies should have at minimum a registration certificate and a form of ID (tattoo, microchip)
- Young and Youth Classes
  - Young Class 12-18 mo
  - Youth Class 18-24 mo
  - Ratings awarded
    - Very Good
    - Good
    - Sufficient
    - Insufficient
  - Ratings Count for Breed Survey
  - Required paperwork
    - SV recognized pedigree with the dog's ID on pedigree

- Untitled Classes
  - 24+ months without working title
  - Very Good, Good, Sufficient and Insufficient ratings, do not count for Breed Survey
  - Required Paperwork
    - SV recognized pedigree with the dog's ID on pedigree
- Veteran Classes
  - 6+ years
  - Rating is no awarded, only placing
  - Required Paperwork
    - SV recognized pedigree
- Working Classes
  - 24+ months with working titles (IPO, HGH)
  - Excellent, Very Good, Good, Sufficient, Insufficient ratings
  - Required paperwork:
    - SV recognized pedigree
    - Scorebook
    - Breed Survey paperwork if any
    - Hip/elbow certification

# **Breed Survey Requirements**

- USCA Registration Dogs must be registered with USCA if the owner resides in the United States
- USCA Membership Owners of the dogs must be current members of USCA if residing in the United States. If the dog is co-owned, the signature –authorized owner must be a current USCA member.
- Age Requirement Dogs must be a minimum of two (2) years old in the year of the survey
- Performance Title
  - USCA Breed Survey: Dogs must have at least one performance title (SchH/IPO 1,, VPG, HGH, or RH2) obtained under a USCA recognized performance judge, and a BH obtained under a WUSV recognized judge. Dogs with an HGH title are not required to have a BH title. It is mandatory that a minimum of 80 points in protection be achieved in SchH/IPO/VPG1.
  - SV Breed Survey: Dogs must have at least one performance title (SchH/IPO 1, HGH, or RH2) obtained under a SV performance judge, and a BH obtained under a USCA/SV performance judge. Dogs with an HGH title are not required to have a BH title. It is mandatory that a minimum of 80 points in protection be achieved in SchH/IPO/VPG1.

# **Breed Survey Requirements**

#### Endurance Test

- USCA Breed Survey: Dogs must have passed an endurance test (AD) under a USCA recognized judge; however, this requirement is waived for dogs with an HGH title and dogs that are six (6) years or older
- **SV Breed Survey:** Dogs must have passed an endurance test (AD) under a SV judge; however, this requirement is waived for dogs with an HGH title and dogs that are six (6) years or older

#### Hip and Elbow Certification

- USCA Breed Survey: Dogs must have SV a-stamp, OFA or other USCA approved hip and elbow certification with tattoo, or microchip identification. Note: Check with the USCA Office for a current list of recognized hip and elbow certifications
- **SV Breed Survey**: Dog must have OFA or SV-a stamp hip certification and SV ED stamp elbow certification.

#### Breed Show Rating

- USCA Breed Survey: Dogs must have a breed show rating of at least 'good' under a USCA recognized breed judge in the Youth, Young dog, or Working dog class
- SV Breed Survey: Dogs must have a breed show rating of at least 'good' under a SV breed judge in the Youth, Young dog, or Working dog class

### **Entry Fees and Deadline**

- There are no requirements on the entry fee and deadline for entrees.
- Example of fees:

Class	Early Registration Discount	Standard Fee			
All puppy classes	\$35	\$40			
Young, Youth, Adult, Veteran	\$45	\$50			
Working	\$55	\$60			
Breed Survey	\$120	\$125			
AD	\$55	\$60			

- You can offer early registration discount, multiple dogs discount, charge late fee for registrations after deadline
- Breed Survey fee is normally \$125 \$175 for SV breed survey, \$85 \$135 for USCA only breed survey (USCA office fees: \$68 SV/\$25 USCA only breed survey)

### **Show Execution**

#### Check-in

- Give yourself plenty of time, depending on number of competitors, 1-1.5 hours before the start of the show
- Make a checklist and verify ALL original paperwork. The original paperwork must be available to present to the judge if requested

#### **Show Checklist**

			WORKING YOUNG, YOUTH, ADULT PUPPIES						Breed Survey Only	
Class	OwnerName	DogName	Reg. papers	FCI/SV pedig	ree	Survey	Hip	Elbow	Scoreboo	ok USCA Mem.
1-Working Stock Coat-male	Raf Kula	*Yoyo zur Worringer Rheinaue								paid
2-Working Stock Coat-male	Don Yelle, Charles Ottesen	Igor vom kleinen Zigeuner								paid
3-Working Stock Coat-male	Americo Rodrigues	*Oran vom Kleinen Teich								paid
5-Working Stock Coat-male	Kandace Jacopino	Logan von Rokanhaus								paid
6-Working Stock Coat-male	Daniel Richard	Charlie Vom Schweizerhof								paid
7-Working Stock Coat-male	Daniela Bedenice	Ryak vom kleinen Teich								paid
8-Working Stock Coat-male	Merab Khiskiadze	*Agos Degli Achei								paid
9-Working Stock Coat-male	Michael Patrick Carrol	*Pato di Zenevredo								paid

### **Show Execution**

- Order of classes:
  - Puppy classes
  - Young
  - Youth
  - Adult Untitled
  - Veterans
  - Working
  - Female classes before Male classes
  - Long Stock Coat classes immediately follow Stock Coat classes ( Long Stock Class youth female will be right after Stock Class female)
- Gun shots: have a gun ready and loaded, dogs over 12 months of age will be tested for gun sureness.

### **Show Execution**

- Have a measuring stick ready in case judge wants to measure the height of a dog.
- Ring Steward The ring steward keeps control in the ring and assists the judge in anyway requested. It is his/her responsibility to have the participants for each class line up in the ring in the same order as the numbers in the catalog. The ring staff also make sure that handlers do not change their placing unless the judge tells them. In general one or two helpers are sufficient to keep the ring clean and maintain control. A qualified ring steward (breed warden) can assist the judge with tattoo/teeth/testicles check.

### **Breed Survey Execution**

- Make sure you collect ALL original documents, breed survey forms are filled and signed by dog owner; create a folder for each dog.
  - Certified Pedigree
  - Score Book
  - Prove of hip/elbow certification
  - Breed Survey certificate (Koerliste) if previously breed surveyed
- Talk to the judge about the execution, each judge has a different system
- Normal schedule of events:
  - Dogs are presented to the ring for gun sureness test
  - Bitework part of the breed survey
  - Individual evaluation

# **Breed Survey - Protection**

Please refer to USCA Breed Survey
 Regulations, section 6.3 for protection
 work execution