

## Letter of information German Shepherd Dog League Sept 2010

Dear Member

On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September at this year's Sieger held at Nuremburg, Germany, a meeting was called between the GSDL and the WUSV.

Wendy Stephens and I attended on your behalf unaware prior to the meeting of either the content or agenda. On arrival we were met by Herr Henke and Herr Lux of the WUSV and after coffee a very informative meeting began.

The main reason for the meeting transpired to be concerning their meeting between the WUSV and the English Kennel Club held in August at Clarges Street, London and to bring us up to date on the outcome.

The KC were concerned that the GSDL was able to invite German Judges to officiate at their Regional Events held outside the KC rules in the UK. The WUSV was able to respond to that by informing them that as a member club of the WUSV while operating under such rules we would be given every assistance to hold such events. However the GSDL will in future out of courtesy inform the KC of any future proposed dates when these events will be held.

The research into both hereditary and congenital diseases in the German Shepherd Dog by the WUSV and SV was also discussed at great length and was received with some surprise by the KC as to the progress being made in that direction. The GSDL inquired if there was an opportunity of such information being translated into English and released through the modern electronic mail system and their magazine the Zeitung. Such a development would need further discussion and a decision made at a future WUSV meeting.

The German SV also requested that the word Alsatian be removed from the GSD by the KC. It was also agreed that the Breed Standard for the German Shepherd Dog would be translated from German into English by the SV agreed by the KC and then translated back into German for it to be checked for any discrepancies in translation and the standard then agreed.

The meeting then closed with the GSDL thanking the WUSV for both an informative and honest exchange of information.

Nikki Farley – Chairman of the GSDL