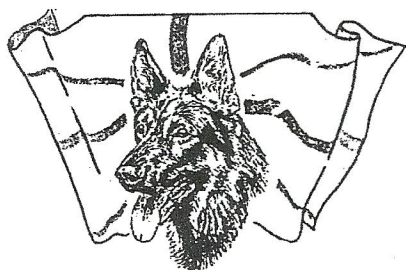


# THE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG BREED COUNCIL



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All Clubs of the GSD Breed Council

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Dear Secretary,

The Breed Survey has been discussed at the last two Breed Council meetings and concerns have been expressed that it is not taken seriously enough and has become far too casual.

The surveyors met on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March, not only to address these concerns but also to consider how the Survey can possibly be used to combat the criticism of our Breed that has reached an all-time high following Crufts. Decisions taken by the surveyors will be on the agenda for the next B/C Meeting.

The surveyors agreed with the Clubs that the Surveys have become too casual and to combat this they suggest returning to the days when a survey was an event on its own and they felt that there should be no more surveys run at shows. This includes Regionals as well as KC Shows. They also felt that there should be fewer surveys run each year, which should improve the attendance at each, and that these events could be used to provide education to other owners awaiting their turn to be surveyed.

To combat the over-use of some surveyors the meeting felt that there should be three surveyors officiating at each survey. This will also endorse the comments on a dog e.g. if 3 surveyors agree that a dog's hocks are "sufficiently firm" it would be unlikely to attract the criticism from within the Breed that sometimes happens now when the surveys are published with the comments of just one surveyor. They also would like to abolish the Class 1 and Class 2 categories. Although the surveyors made no changes to the items on the survey sheets, a change in the order in which the various items take place will be tried.

The surveyors are fully aware that major decisions and changes to the Survey must be ratified by the Clubs but they want to run a new-style Survey incorporating these changes before the next B/C meeting in order that Clubs will have a better idea of how it can work. The provisional date of Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June has been suggested, the venue possibly to be in the Notts/Leics area. Member Clubs will be advised a.s.a.p. and it is to be hoped that they will send representatives even if they don't have a dog to be surveyed. The majority of the surveyors will be in attendance and the names of the surveyors for each dog to be surveyed will be announced on the day.

Yours sincerely,

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