

This is an agreement between:

The British Association of GSDs (BAGSD)



and

The GSD League of Great Britain (GSDL)



On 21<sup>st</sup> April 2017, BAGSD, GSDL and the GSD Breed Council (GSDBC) met with Professor Dr Messler (SV and WUSV President), Mr Imran Husain (WUSV Board Member) and Mr Rene Rudin (WUSV Continental Director – Europe). Very constructive discussions took place on a variety of subjects.

Following our meeting BAGSD and GSDL, with the full support of the GSDBC, have agreed the following statements:

We recognise the benefit to the GSD breed that we work in harmony and therefore commit to co-operation between BAGSD, GSDL and GSDBC in the organising of one annual British Sieger in the UK.

We welcome the plans of the WUSV with regards to harmonisation of the GSD global breeding programme and commit to a programme of communication with and education of breeders in the UK with the objective of implementation over the next five years.

Signed

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In the presence of SV and WUSV President Prof.med. Heinrich Messler



## WUSV Breed Harmonisation Programme – an Overview

The Breed Harmonisation Programme was approved by the WUSV at last year's AGM and is to be implemented over 6-7 years

The WUSV has 83 member countries and each country has its own way of doing things. The SV/WUSV have recognised that in a global world, they need to exercise a global policy of standardisation in order to protect the GSD breed.

This is not only to protect the health of the GSD but also to protect its public image. Following Crufts 2016 it was clear that public perception can be harmed very quickly with any show anywhere in the World capable of appearing on the internet within minutes of judging.

The SV consider that it is their duty to be the custodian of the breed across the world.

The WUSV is establishing a global Stud Book. Dogs meeting the required criteria will be eligible for entry in this WUSV Stud book. A certification that the dog is recorded in the WUSV Stud Book will be attached to the pedigree and duly stamped. (see attached matrix)

The SV are ready to support us in a campaign in the UK to tackle the public image of the GSD and promote breeding from dogs with good character and health.

There will be a separate register for short and long coats and breeding between the two coat types would not be allowed.

SV judges will not be able to judge any dog which does not meet the basic standard.

The WUSV are consulting with the FCI about the breed harmonisation programme and also wish to consult with the Kennel Club. Every WUSV member country is expected to adopt the breed harmonisation programme.

The SV and WUSV are placing great emphasis on the following parts of the breed standard:

### **Character**

The German Shepherd Dog must be well-balanced (with strong nerves) in terms of character, self-assured, absolutely natural and (except for a

stimulated situation) good-natured as well as attentive and willing to please.

*(In the Words of Prof Messler "a family dog")*

He must possess instinctive behaviour, resilience and self-assurance in order to be suitable as a companion, guard, protection, service and herding dog

*(Again in the words of Prof Messler – a working dog)*

They are therefore introducing character assessment for all breeding animals.

The ZAP is a character test carried out with puppies between 9 and 13 months old and will become a requirement for all dogs on the WUSV Studbook. A demonstration can be seen here:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Z8mEQ\\_qqjs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Z8mEQ_qqjs)  
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It is hoped that there will be a character assessment carried out in the UK in 2017 subject to acceptance from a qualified judge.

There will also be an alternative route to Koerung for those who, for whatever reason, choose not to train for IPO qualifications.

The ZTP is a working ability test incorporating the three phases of IPO: tracking obedience and protection but at a basic level, showing the dogs ability to be trained. Details of the ZTP are yet to be finalised.

A dog may take a koerung if it achieves a pass in ZAP and ZTP but can also follow the traditional route of IPO. Dogs achieving koerung with ZTP will be eligible for V grading.

This is simply a very brief overview and there is a huge amount of detail to understand and then decide how it could be implemented in the UK. The GSDL will be working with the BAGSD to ensure that all of the GSD community is informed of the plans and that all issues are identified and addressed in a satisfactory manner.

# WUSV Breed Harmonisation Programme

	Qualification	Definition	Basic	Advanced	Premium
Formal Requirements	Micro-Chip / Tattoo	Basic Requirement	+	+	+
	DNA	SV certified	+	+	+
	Minimum Breeding Age Males	24 Months	18	20	24
	Minimum Breeding Age Females	20 Months	18	20	20
	Maximum Number of Annual Studs Males	90 with bitches from own country / 60 with bitches from other countries	+	+	+
	Maximum number of litters females	3 litters in 24 Months	+	+	+
	Quality X-Rays	After 30 studs at the latest	+	+	+
	Artificial Insemination	Forbidden	+	+	+
	Forbidden In breeding	1/1, 1-2, 2-1, 2/3,3/2	+	+	+
Gesundheit	HD	SV certified	+	+	+
	ED	SV certified	+	+	+
Eigenleistung	Breed Show Grade	At least G grade from an SV recognised judge oer the age of 12 months	+	+	+
	Körung	Under an SV recognised Koermeister			+
	Working Test	Under an SV recognised judge		At least IPO or ZTP/SV-ZAP	At least IPO or ZTP/SV-ZAP
	SV Character Assessment	Under an SV recognised character judge (WB)	+	+	+
Pedigree	Number of Generations	In accordance with the FCI			

Anzahl Generationen gem. FCI.

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