

THE WUSV WORKING GROUP - GB



SV – HIP, ELBOW, BACK & DNA SCHEME

All GSD owners in the UK can submit Hip, Elbow and Back x-rays and DNA samples to the German SV (German Shepherd Dog World Governing Body) for results to be recorded in their global database. These results have international recognition.

With recent discussion around the WUSV (World Union Of GSD clubs) Harmonisation Programme for the future, we are getting increased interest and enquiries regarding the SV HD/ED/LUW/DNA Scheme in the UK. As the newly appointed Registrar for this scheme, I have put some information together, which hopefully explains how it works and answers some of the questions people have.

This scheme is overseen in the UK by the WUSV Working Group - GB (BAGSD & GSDL) and administered on their behalf by myself as the Registrar.

FAQ.

Q. What is the SV Scheme?

The scheme is the SV equivalent of the BVA/KC Hip and Elbow Scheme. It offers assessment of Hips, Elbows, LUW and OCD and DNA testing for identification purposes.

Q. Is this scheme available in the UK?

Yes absolutely, there are an increasing number of vets now extremely competent in submitting x-ray plates and DNA to the SV for assessment. The list is available to anyone. However, **any** vet willing to do them for the first time, can do so and should contact the Scheme Registrar for details on what is required of them.

Q. What is the cost to do this in the UK?

The cost of taking the xrays and dna sample are a matter for you and your selected vet. However, the SV fees that are paid direct from the WUSV Working Group - GB are as follows. We have recently reviewed these in an effort to maintain the low costs where possible. The revised costs valid from 1st April 2018.

HD – £45

ED - £45

OCD – £30

HD with LÜW together – £60

LÜW separately (If HD already evaluated) – £25

DNA – £90

If all x-rays are to be submitted digitally by the vet, then a reduction of 10% will be applied to the X-ray payment.

Example: HD/ED/DNA total payment to WUSV Working Group - GB would be £180. However, if submitted digitally, would be less 10% from HD/ED therefore payment would be £171.

Q. What is LÜW and OCD?

LÜW relates to Lumbar-Sacral Transitional Vertebrae. In absolute layman's terms it is not entirely dissimilar to what we know as Caudia Equine Syndrome. See attached article.

OCD is Osteochondrose – orthopaedic disease of the hip joint.

These X-ray procedures are on a voluntary basis currently but may at some point in the future become mandatory.

Q. I want to go ahead and get my dog assessed under this scheme, what do I do next?

Please follow the below step by step guide below and feel free to message or call me for any advice or guidance at any time on any stage of this process. I am only too happy to help in any way.

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Registrar

Heather Macdonald

Conbhairean@btinternet.com or 07876 210243

STEP BY STEP GUIDE

1. Ensure you have 5 generation Kennel Club* pedigree for your German Shepherd Dog – Ensure correct ownership on pedigree (Must be official pedigree – not homemade)
* Note that a KC pedigree is required for dogs born in the UK, for dogs born in other countries the pedigree must be from the registration authority of the country of birth.
2. Ensure you are a member of BAGSD/GSDL/SV
3. Contact registrar, in plenty of time, to order SV paperwork and arrange to make payment to the WUSV Working Group – GB. Paperwork will be sent once payment has been confirmed.
 - 3.1. Registrar: Heather Macdonald
Conbhairean@btinternet.com or 07876 210243
4. Once paperwork received, make appointment with suitable Vet
5. If new process to vet, ensure they contact the registrar for guidance in advance of appointment – **THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT.**
6. Ensure you have all original paperwork for dog, as well as a copy of original official pedigree, to attend vet with dog for x-rays
7. Take x-rays and complete all paperwork VERY carefully, ensure forms are signed and stamped by vet and signed by owner
8. Ensure DNA sample ONLY with accompanying SV form and copy of pedigree are sent to Heidelberg **same day. Do not send x-rays!**

9. Ensure X-rays and accompanying SV forms, along with original 5 generation pedigree are suitably packaged and sent immediately to the registrar (Heather Macdonald)

9.1. If X-rays are being submitted digitally by your vet ask them to confirm to you the date of submission and the submission reference number. You must still send the SV accompanying forms to the registrar (Heather MacDonald)

10. The registrar will ensure paperwork is correctly completed and stamp pedigree before submitting to SV for scoring.

11. Await results, which can take some weeks. We aim to have results within 4 weeks from submission of forms to SV. Any questions or queries regarding results must be directed through the registrar (Heather MacDonald).