



ATTENTION: ALL OWNERS OF GERMAN SHEPHERD DOGS ANKC SURVEY

HIP AND ELBOW DYSPLASIA REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION OF GERMAN SHEPHERD PUPPIES ON THE MAIN REGISTER

This survey applies to any Member of a Canine Control affiliated with the ANKC who is the owner of a registered German Shepherd Dog. In the interests of the breed, please read this survey carefully and reply by completing the return slip below and return to the ANKC Administrator, PO Box 309, CARINA. QLD. 4152.

Proposal

The ANKC and the ANKC Canine Health Committee recommend that: -

The ANKC have resolved to conduct a Survey of all German Shepherd Dog owners recommending that:

Litter Registration Limitations be amended as follows and apply for litters born from 1 June 2011:-

- 1.1 Both parents of every litter must be screened for Hip Dysplasia through an official Hip Dysplasia Control Scheme. Where the parents have been born after 1.1.10, they must record a score of no more than 12 on either hip, or in the case of imported animals, a grading that is deemed to be acceptable for breeding in their country of origin.
- 1.2 Both parents of every litter must be screened for Elbow Dysplasia through an official Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme. Where the parents have been born after the 1.1.10, they must record a grading of Normal, Grade One or Grade Two on both elbows, and be free from the condition of UAP (Ununited Anconeal Process.)

If the above litter registration limitations are approved for each or either of these diseases, breeders of litters whelped on or after 1 June 2011, will be required to comply as a prerequisite to registration of any litter on the ANKC Main Register. Dogs must be positively identified by microchip, or tattoo prior to being x-rayed. Litters which do not meet the above requirements will be placed on the Limited Register and will be flagged not to be upgraded.

A majority of registered owners within the breed and responding to this survey must be in favour before approval is given by the ANKC. Each of the above two items will be considered separately.

Rationale

It is over ten years since the requirement was introduced for German Shepherd Dogs to show proof of x-ray for hips and elbows. It should be noted that a total hip score of 24 is almost twice the breed average and hence the majority of the breeding stock will still be utilised in the breeding program but it will ensure the removal of animals severely affected with hip dysplasia

While animals with Grade Three elbows or Ununited Anconeal Process (UAP) form a small percentage of animals x-rayed and hence numerically are very small but in reality pose a real threat of increasing the incidence of Elbow Dysplasia within German Shepherd Dog, hence only Normal, Grade One & Two graded animals should be considered within any breeding program.

Cut along the Dotted Line-✂

ANKC German Shepherd Dog Survey

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YOUR VOTE (Please cross out whichever is not applicable)

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YES/NO

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YES/NO

NAME: _____ MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: _____

Registered Number and DOB of a German Shepherd Dog you currently own: _____ DOB: / /

Signature: _____ Date: / /