



## **GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF AMERICA**

### **MEMBER CLUB APPLICATION GUIDELINE**

The German Shepherd Dog Club of America offers the opportunity for groups of enthusiasts interested in SV and WUSV sanctioned trials, shows, breed surveys and seminars to form local member clubs.

#### **Requirements to Form a GSDCA Member Club**

- A minimum of ten members that are also GSDCA members with no more than two members from the same household
- A president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, training director. Two offices can be held by one member
- All officers and directors are required to maintain membership in GSDCA
- Club bylaws
- Club liability and personal injury insurance
- No new club can be registered if it's located within 30 miles distance to any existing club

#### **Training Director Qualification Requirements (all requirements must be met)**

- Successfully trained and titled either one dog to IGP3, or two dogs to IGP2, or three dogs to IGP1
- Successfully trained and passed Breed Survey with minimum of two dogs
- Should have extensive knowledge about dog behavior and training principles, and demonstrate the ability to teach
- A GSDCA Performance Judge is automatically qualified to be Training Director

Newly forming clubs will be required to host a supervised affiliation show or trial. The affiliation event may be judged by a GSDCA Performance Judge, an SV Breed Judge, the Director of Trials and Judges, the National Training Director, or another individual approved by the GSDCA SV/WUSV Programs Committee.

#### **Member Club Application Requirements**

Complete a GSDCA Member Club Application and submit to the GSDCA SV/WUSV Programs Office. The office will then submit the application to the SV/WUSV Programs Committee for review and approval.

The following documents must be submitted with the Member Club Application:

1. List of Officers and Members Roster
2. Proof of current insurance
3. Club's bylaws
4. One year's club dues payment