



GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

CODE OF ETHICS for GSDCA HELPERS

Participation in the German Shepherd Dog Club of America, Inc. (GSDCA) Helper Program is a privilege made available only to members of GSDCA. Because of the nature of the work and its direct effect on the Working Dog, the development of the Helper Code of Ethics was necessary to assure certain behavioral guidelines for the Helper and for members of the GSDCA pursuing the Helper Certification. As with any privilege, there is attendant accountability and concurrent responsibilities.

To participate in the GSDCA Helper Certification Program, the candidate for the Program and a Certified Helper agrees:

- 1. Not to manufacture, create, deliver, possess or use with the intent to manufacture, create or deliver any quantity of a controlled substance or to manufacture, create, deliver, possess or use any quantity of a controlled substance.
- 2. Not to possess or use alcoholic beverages of any quantity within eight hours before or during participation in the Program as a Certified Helper or during training for a Certified Helper designation.
- 3. Not to attend a function where the Helper knows controlled substances are unlawfully present.
- 4. Not to conduct oneself in a manner that is determined to be prejudicial to the sport as defined by the American Kennel Club and the GSDCA.
- 5. No Helper may accept a gratuity in any form from an exhibitor, owner, handler or other Helper for performance as a Helper at an event at which the Helper is performing services as a Helper. If a Helper is alleged to have accepted a gratuity in any form in violation of this Item 5., the certification as a Helper shall be immediately suspended subject to a hearing as provided in Article VII-Discipline of the GSDCA ByLaws.

The preceding shall not prohibit the use or possession of prescription drugs which a medical doctor has prescribed as a course of treatment.

Failure to adhere to the code of Ethics for members not yet Certified shall result in the discharge (or termination) of the member from the Certification Program. For failure to adhere to the Code of Ethics for members that have been Certified as Helpers, the charges shall be forwarded to the GSDCA SV/WUSV Programs Committee Chair for action pursuant to the provisions of Article "VII-Discipline of the GSDCA By-Laws.

I, the undersigned have read and understand the foregoing and by signing below do hereby agree to abide by the Code of Ethics as set forth herein.

_____ Date _____
Signature

Print Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____