

## PERFORMANCE AWARD OF MERIT ENHANCED PERFORMANCE AWARD OF MERIT (Beginning Calendar Year 2022)

The purpose of the Performance Award of Merit and Enhanced Performance Award of Merit program is to recognize and reward the incredible Versatility and Intelligence of the German Shepherd Dog in their ability to excel at high levels in multiple venues. The Performance Award of Merit is the cornerstone of the program and is awarded to dogs and handlers that are competing and earning recognized titles in at least three (3) different Performance Areas, with the dog having achieved an advanced title (Level 3 or above) in at least one Performance Area. The Enhanced Performance Award of Merit recognizes dogs and handlers who continue their training beyond the requirements of the PAM and achieve advanced levels of training in multiple Performance Areas and Sports.

Because of the similarities in the exercises, training, and/or skills, some SPORTS are combined into one “PERFORMANCE AREA” for purposes of the PAM Program. The five Performance Areas recognized for the PAM Program are: (1) AKC Agility; (2) AKC Herding; (3) GSDCA SV Program Working Dog Titles (IGP titles or IPO titles earned prior to 1/1/2019); (4) AKC Obedience and/or Rally; and (5) AKC Tracking or GSDCA SV Program FH tracking titles and/or AKC Scent Work. All AKC Agility classes are one Performance Area. All AKC Herding classes are one Performance Area. Because of the similarities of the IGP Tracking and Obedience to the AKC Tracking and Obedience, the lowest acceptable title for IGP is the IGP1 title (the IPO1 title if earned before 1/1/2019). Obedience and Rally are separate Sports, but are one Performance Area. Scent Work and Tracking are also separate Sports but one Performance Area. ***Titles not listed in the chart below will not be accepted for the PAM or Enhanced PAM.***

Levels = Points	PERFORMANCE AREAS						
	Agility	Herding	IGP <sup>1</sup>	Obedience/Rally <sup>2</sup>		Scent Work/Tracking	
LEVEL 1	NA or NAJ NAP or NJP	HT or PT HS	IGP1	BN CD	(RN) (RI) (RA)	SWN	TD TDU
LEVEL 2	OA or OAJ OAP or OJP	HI	IGP2	CDX	(RE)	SWA	FH1
LEVEL 3	AX or AXJ AXP or AJP	HX	IGP3	UD	(RAE) (RM)	SWE	TDX FH2
LEVEL 4	MX or MXJ MXP or MJP	HXM	3X IGP3 SG (270-285 pts) or V (286-300 points) rated performance & “pronounced” TSB at GSDCA trials	UDX	(RACH)	SWM	VST IGP-FH
LEVEL 5	MACH PACH	HC	3X IGP3 V (286-300 points) rated performance & “pronounced” TSB at GSDCA trials	OTCH		SWD	CT

<sup>1</sup> IGP titles and FH tracking titles must be earned from GSDCA SV club trials.

<sup>2</sup> A Rally title does not meet the criteria to be considered the Advanced (L3 or above) level title for any level of the PAM, but may be used to meet the additional title requirements for the PAM and/or for the Enhanced PAM.



For each level of PAM Award, the dog must be titled in AT LEAST three **different** Performance Areas and have the minimum titles for the applicable PAM level in each of those Performance Areas. For each Sport listed in the chart below, the dog can only earn points for ONE title and the maximum points that can be earned in each Sport are 5. A dog must be eligible for a PAM before being eligible for the Enhanced PAM levels.

AWARDS	MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH LEVEL			Additional points needed <sup>3</sup>	Total Points Needed
	Performance Area 1	Performance Area 2	Performance Area 3		
PAM	L3	L1	L1	0	5
PAM-B (Bronze)	L3	L3	L1	1 points	8
	L4	L1	L1	2 point	
PAM-S (Silver)	L4	L4	L1	3 points	12
	L5	L1	L1	5 points	
PAM-G (Gold)	L5	L4	L1	4 points	14
PAM-P (Platinum)	L5	L5	L1	5 points	16
PAM-D (Diamond)	L5	L5	L5	3 points	18

<sup>3</sup> *The additional points needed for the Enhanced PAM levels can be earned either (a) by earning titles in one or more of the three required Performance Areas that are higher than the minimum required titles for the level of Enhanced PAM; OR (b) by earning titles in a fourth (or more) Sports; OR (c) a combination of the two (higher than required titles and titles in additional Sports). Titles in additional Sports beyond the three required Performance Areas can be earned in any additional sport even if it is from the same Performance Area as another title.*

**As of January 2022, the PAM Award Year will run concurrently with the calendar year. Titles must be completed by December 31 of the calendar year and the PAM application form must be completed and returned by February 1 of the immediately following calendar year for each year's PAM award recognition. (E.g., for 2023 PAM award recognition, titles must be earned by 12/31/2023 and the completed PAM application with all supporting documents must be received by the PAM Chairman by 2/1/2024).**

The owner of the dog must be a GSDCA member in good standing BEFORE the requirements for this award are completed.

To apply for the PAM or Enhanced PAM, complete the PAM/Enhanced PAM Application form and include a copy of the most current AKC certificate and / or GSDCA SV score books for all qualifying titles listed on the Application Form. Send all information to the Performance Award of Merit Chairman so that it is received by the PAM Chairman no later than February 1 for the prior calendar year PAM award:

Julie Degen  
 Chair, GSDCA Performance Award of Merit  
 10361 Heddings Rd  
 Catlett, VA 20119  
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GERMAN SHEPHERD



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APPLICATION FOR PERFORMANCE AWARD OF MERIT OR ENHANCED PERFORMANCE AWARD OF MERIT

Date Submitted: \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

DOG INFORMATION						
Registered name:						
AKC number:		DOB:				
Call name:		Sex:				
Breeder:						
Sire:						
Dam:						
OWNER INFORMATION						
Owner's Name:				GSDCA Member Since:		
Street Address:						
City/State/Zip:						
Phone:		Email:				
Co-Owners:						
PERFORMANCE AWARD OF MERIT INFORMATION						
Applying for (circle one):		If Enhanced PAM, Level applying for:				
PAM                      Enhanced PAM						
Performance Area: <sup>4</sup>	Sport:	Title: <sup>5</sup>	Date earned:	Title level/points:		
#1:						
#2:						
#3:						
Additional for Enhanced PAM:						
			Total points:			

<sup>4</sup> The minimum titles for any level of PAM must come from at least three (3) different Performance Areas. Additional titles for the Enhanced PAM can come from Sports in the same Performance Area. A Rally title does not meet the criteria to be considered the Advanced (L3 or above) level title for any level of the PAM, but may be used to meet the additional title requirements for the PAM and/or for the Enhanced PAM. IGP titles and FH tracking titles must be earned from GSDCA SV club trials.

<sup>5</sup> The PAM Application submission must include a copy of the most current AKC certificate and / or GSDCA SV score books for all qualifying titles listed on the Application Form.

The completed Application Form and all supporting documents must be received by the Performance Award of Merit Chairman no later than February 1: Julie Degen, 10361 Heddings Rd., Catlett, VA 20119 (Email: ejdegen@aol.com).