



**GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF AMERICA , INC . NATIONAL BREED  
SURVEY RULES and REGULATIONS  
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**Guidelines**

- Breed surveys are performed by SV Kormeister or GSDCA Breed Warden (when available) limited to German Shepherd Dogs.
- Dogs with AKC Limited Registration are not eligible to enter.
- Dogs must be no less than two years of age at the date of the Survey.
- Dogs must be either tattoo or microchipped.
- Dogs must have DNA (AKC DNA acceptable)
- Dogs must be in good condition.
- Females in heat must be reported to the Breed Survey Master for placement in the order of participation.

**Required Documentation**

1. The Character Test is required for dogs born after July 1, 2020
2. Proof an AD awarded by an SV Judge, GSDCA Judge, WUSV Judge or FCI Judge.  
Dogs over the age of six years are exempt from the AD requirement
3. One of the following:
  - Proof of a BH awarded by an SV, WUSV or FCI Judge. Proof of either IGP, FH2, RH2 Phase B or HGH awarded by an SV, WUSV or FCI Judge.
  - Proof of SV BDT (ZAP) under SV or WUSV Judge
4. Hip and Elbows certified by the SV(normal, fast normal, noch zugelassen) or OFA\* (excellent, good, fair).
5. Breed show evaluation of Good or better by an SV Judge, GSDCA Judge, WUSV Judge or FCI Judge.
6. Dogs must be healthy and in good condition.
7. Females that are 42 days pregnant cannot participate for the Breed Survey
8. Females after 42 days of whelping a litter can do the Breed Survey
9. Females in heat must be reported to the Breed Survey Master for placement at the end of the Breed Survey.

Dogs with GSDCA National Breed survey are not allowed to whelp litters in Germany and cannot be owned by German citizens.

**\*Dog with hips and elbows certified by OFA are allowed to compete only in USA. SV hips and elbows certification is required for all events in Germany. Please verify requirements when competing in other countries.**

**GSDCA National Breed survey is recognized by SV for participation  
in any SV show including German Sieger Show.**