



GERMAN TERMINOLOGY

Below are some requirements and testing the West German Shepherds are required to pass before they are ready to breed. This will give you a detailed explanation of German Terminology you will see on the pedigrees of Von der Southernwind German Shepherd Dogs. There are many words, abbreviations, ratings and titles that are used throughout many of the pedigrees of our German Shepherd Dogs. For better understanding we will give a brief description of the common terminology used.

German Titles and Ratings

KKL1 (KoerKlasse 1) or Breed Survey

For this rating the dog must compete for titles in Germany or other countries under the rules of the SV (Verein für Deutsche Schäferhunde, the club for German Shepherd Dogs in Germany). To meet this world standard each dog must pass a companion dog temperament test (BH), a minimum of a SchH1/IPO1 working degree, certified hips ("a" stamp or OFA) a 12 mile endurance test followed by an examination for physical soundness. The dog must also compete at a show to achieve a conformation rating of at least a SG or better. These requirements make the dog eligible to enter a Koerung/ Breed Survey (qualify for breeding). At the Breed Survey the dog is carefully evaluated for correct structure, temperament and courage. These requirements are only guidelines for our breed, sometimes recommendations are given to who the dog should be bred with to produce excellent offspring, also sometimes certain bloodlines are not bred together as the two bloodlines do not work well together.

KKL2 (Koerklasse 2) or Breed Survey

Suitable for breeding. Dog may have minor faults in structure or work, which can sometimes be compensated for by other bloodlines. Maybe re surveyed at a later date.

"A STAMP"

Dogs hips have been x-rayed and certified acceptable. (required for breed survey)

"ZW"

Breed Value Assessment Number The best tool for breeders in the fight against canine hip dysplasia (CHD), to come along in years, is the SV's HD Zuchtwert, or Breed value assessment number (HD ZW). The HD ZW number is an estimation of the probability that a dog will produce progeny with CHD.

The HD ZW value factors in many variables in the calculation, but is based mostly on the hip status of a dog's progeny. This is the critical factor in the usefulness of the HD ZW. The dog's own hip status is only one of several important variables in the equation, not the sole determinant. This is because it is possible for a dog with excellent hip status to produce a majority of progeny with CHD. And conversely, a dog with Fair hip status can produce a majority of progeny with excellent hip status. Without factoring in this critical look at the dog's Genotype (what his genes pass on to progeny) in addition to his Phenotype, (what his actual hip status is) real progress can not be made in reducing the incidence of CHD.

So how does it work? Each dog registered with the SV is assigned an HD ZW number at birth, based on its Parents HD ZW numbers. After a dog is x-rayed, its own hip status is factored into his HD ZW. Upon producing progeny of his own, the

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Siegerin

Same as for Sieger but applies to the females in each class.

"VA"

Excellent Select title in that is only awarded at the Annual Sieger Show

"V"

Excellent title at a show

"SG"

Very Good (minimum required for breed survey)

"G"

Good

"A"

Sufficient

"VP"

Very promising, given to puppies attending a conformation show

"U"

Unsatisfactory, has faults not allowed under the breed standard

"BH"

Temperament test and obedience examination to qualify for Schutzhund titles. This MUST be completed before competing for a SchH1 degree

Schutzhund (SchH), (IPO) or (IGP) 1, 2 or 3

These tests combine the disciplines of tracking, obedience and protection. Each level must be passed on the trial day and to a score of 70 or better in each discipline to achieve the degree. In each degree the disciplines are harder for the dog and handler to compete. A SchH1 is the minimum required working title for breeding in Germany. In Canada or the USA there is no such requirement for breeding.

HGH

Herding Dog title

PH

Police Dog

FH (1)

Advanced tracking degree

AD

The dog has passed an endurance degree test by gaiting approximately 12 miles with a 10-minute rest halfway. Passed a simple obedience test at the end of the run. In addition, the dog is given a simple physical examination after the AD test. (Requirement for the Breed Survey)

GERMAN COMMANDS

- HEEL - Fuss (fooss)
- SIT - Sitz (sitz)
- STAY - Bleib (bly'b)
- DOWN - Platz
- COME/HERE - Hier (hee er)
- STAND - Steh (shtay)
- RETRIEVE/FETCH - Bring (brrring)
- JUMP - Hopp
- GO OUT - Voraus (for owss)
- TRACK - Such (tsuuk)
- GUARD - Pass auf/wache
- BITE - Packen/faxx
- OUT/LET GO - Aus (owss)
- LEAVE IT - Lass es
- BUILDING/BLIND SEARCH - Voran/revier
- KENNEL/CRATE - Zwinger/box
- GO OUTSIDE - Geh raus/geh draussen
- GO AHEAD - Geh Voraus
- GO INSIDE - Geh rein (gay rine)
- WHAT IS GOING ON? - Was ist los?
- GOOD (praise) - So ist brav
- No - Pfui (fooey)/nein (nine)
- DON'T DO THAT - Lass das sein
- Ok- In ordnung
- EAT FOOD - Nimm futter
- HELPER STAND STILL - Bleiben ruhig/steht noch
- ARTICLE SEARCH - Such verlore