



GSDL Health Certificate

The GSDL would like to explain the reason for introducing the Health Certificate as an entry requirement for Regional Shows.

A Breed Council Surveyors Meeting was held on the 26th March 2016 where it was decided that, in order to try and improve the quality of information (by Surveyors) and the increasing amount of errors and omissions being submitted (by Entrants), changes should be made to the format of Surveys . This idea proposed by one of the Surveyors and voted on – it was passed to be approved and ratified at the next Breed Council meeting but after a long discussion it was decided to advertise a Survey Day and to run it as a Pilot Trial Day on the 5th of June hosted by the GSD of Essex before ratification had taken place. Following the meeting several surveyors felt this did not give time to consider the impact of fewer Surveys which could be detrimental to the owners and exhibitors who usually found it much easier having numerous Surveys they could attend at Shows / Training days etc. throughout the year.

The proposal and content of the New Way of carrying out Surveys announced on the 26th of March would have meant there would only be 4 dedicated Survey Days per year which would cover all the UK and that all the Surveyors would be present, each dog would be surveyed by 3 Surveyors who would not to be named before the day and would concentrate at the start of the survey on the key elements , Soundness, Dentition, Temperament, Measurements and reaction to Gun Shot before carrying on with the rest of the Survey. It was thought this would give more credibility to the Surveys. The Breed Council announced that until the 5th of June all Surveys were to be put on hold pending the outcome of the Event. At the last minute due to a lack of interest the Pilot Survey Day had to be cancelled even although it was well advertised and notification sent to Breed Council Member clubs.

The GSDL, unaware the Pilot Survey Day was going to be cancelled, and being informed of the possible New Way of carrying out surveys realised this could badly affect members/ exhibitors wishing to enter Adult Classes at Regional Shows. With no Surveys in the foreseeable future and their forthcoming National Spectacular with entries closing on the 31st of May, the GSDL needed to take immediate action and put something in place to cover the situation.

The Health Certificate was introduced not as a means of replacing a survey but to ensure that all the dogs shown in the Adult Classes at Regional Shows met all the Health and Identification requirements previously recorded in a Survey. Consisting of: Micro Chip Number ,KC Number , Haemophilia Test Result(Male), BVA Hip Score /SV Hip Grade , BVA Elbow Score /SV Elbow Grade, DNA Parentage Profiles, Proven or Tested.

All this information is transferable and can be used to support a Survey Certificate as it is checked by the same administrators and verified. To obtain a Health Certificate and ID Number with no charge please email John Ward john@johndavidw.plus.com who will send you an application form.

PLEASE NOTE: Breed Council Surveys can still be used to enter WUSV/SV GSDL Regional Shows.