



## British Regional Group Press Release May 2018

### Rule Change

As advised in our press release last month, at the recent GSD League AGM, it was agreed to change the criteria for entry into the Adult and Working Classes. Any dog who has a training degree of IPO1 or above must enter the working class and not the adult class. This is intended to bring UK regulations more in line with other WUSV countries and address the concerns of exhibitors who feel that a dog entered in the adult class with a working title has an unfair advantage over one without. Any dog entered in the adult class must have a British Breed Survey or a GSDL Health Certificate. Any dog entered in the working class must have a koerung, British Breed Survey or GSD League Health Certificate. Any dog without a koerung may be awarded a V (Excellent) grade up to the age of three years and 6 months, thereafter the maximum grade they can obtain without a koerung is SG (Very Good)

Since announcing this change we have been approached by exhibitors who are concerned about the change for two main reasons:

- The limit to SG grading for dogs over three and a half years without koerung is not in keeping with the excellent grading available to dogs in the adult
- This rule change means that dogs who are close to obtaining a BRG Gold Medal or Certificate of Excellence cannot obtain the gradings they need to achieve these objectives.

The GSD League Council have considered these observations – the rule change has arisen due to a majority favourable vote on a properly made proposal at the quorate AGM and therefore it must be implemented as proposed. However, we do feel that exhibitors should be given notice of such a change to plan their shows and prepare for the change. It has therefore been agreed that the change will be effective from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019.