

GSD Partnership (GSDP)

Health and Welfare “Planned Improvement Programme” (PIP)

The GSD Partnership is made up of the following National GSD organisations: These being the German Shepherd Dog Breed Council (GSD-BC), the British Association of German Shepherd Dogs (BAGSD) and the German Shepherd Dog League of Great Britain (GSDL).

This is the list of improvements which have been purposefully side stepped by the Kennel Club.

- 1) The breed name of German Shepherd Dog (Alsatian) should be brought into line with the rest of the World and changed to German Shepherd Dog. This will also avoid the confusion that exists with the general public who often believe that there are 2 different types/breeds - the German Shepherd Dog and the Alsatian.
- 2) Introduction of a mandatory breed survey before being allowed to be bred from.
- 3) No female under the age of 21 months should be bred from.
- 4) No male under the age of 18 months should be bred from.
- 5) Inbreeding closer than 3, 2 or 2, 3 should not be accepted.
- 6) Mandatory training scheme for Judges with a scrutiny panel of senior breed judges empowered by the KC **and** the Partners who will monitor judge's adherence to the rules, with regular forums for discussion.
- 7) Reduction of the judges list to an **active** register and **qualified** list
- 8) Line breeding to be shown on the KC pedigree in order to differentiate.
- 9) A quick win in differentiating GSDs who have had tests from those who have not would be for the KC to acknowledge international working Health and Working tests on Pedigrees. The standard of a good proportion of GSDs registered with the KC would be raised demonstrably.
- 10) **Future breeding standards:-**
- 11) Any puppies registered by the Kennel Club must have parents who have both been hip X-rayed and each parent have achieved a total score of 20 or less, (with one side being no higher than 12) or a recognised overseas grade which is similar.
- 12) Any puppies registered by the Kennel Club must have parents who have both been elbow X-rayed and either graded by the BVA or have achieved a recognised overseas status.
- 13) The sire of any puppies registered by the Kennel Club must have passed a haemophilia test if bred in the UK.

- 14) Any puppies registered by the Kennel Club must have parents who have both been either tattooed or micro-chipped for identification purposes, in order for the individual dog to match his/her documentation.
- 15) The parents of every puppy to be registered by the Kennel Club must have had DNA identification recorded with the Kennel Club or a recognised overseas authority.
- 16) Any puppies registered by the Kennel Club should conform to the Breed Standard colour requirement.
- 17) The parents of any puppies registered by the Kennel Club must have passed a Breed Survey (in the year in which the animal attains 2 years of age - or older) either in the U.K. or with a recognised overseas authority.
- 18) The U.K. Breed Survey to be upgraded to include a fitness/endurance test similar to the ' (AD) required by International WUSV authorities.
- 19) The parents of any puppies registered by the Kennel Club should have achieved either a recognised Kennel Club or WUSV working qualification, with the minimum being a Gold Kennel Club Good Citizen Test or a BH qualification.
- 20) The breeder of any puppies registered by the Kennel Club should hold a valid Kennel Club prefix.