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To all GSDCA Member Clubs,

Dear Secretary,

At the 2014 GSDCA Annual General Meeting held in Adelaide on the 8th and 9th of February, the following motions were placed on the GSDCA Agenda by the German Shepherd Dog Club of South Australia and subsequently carried:

1. ***That as from 1st July 2014 the GSDCA introduces the Near Normal grading for the GSDCA Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme for those animals displaying slight irregularities or immeasurable changes.*** *(These animals previously were awarded a Grade One grading showing 0mm of change)*

2. ***That as from 1st July 2014 an animal must receive an overall grading of Normal, Near Normal or Grade One to be awarded a GSDCA 'Z' stamp through the GSDCA Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme.***

These motions come into effect on the 1st of July 2014 which means that any animal assessed with a Grade Two grading on any elbow ***will be deemed to have failed*** the GSDCA Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme and therefore will not be able to be presented to the GSDCA National Breed Survey Scheme.

GSDCA		**Result**
Normal	No changes	'Z' Normal(0/0)
Near Normal	Slight irregularities	'Z' Near Normal
Grade One	Osteophytes less than 2mm	'Z' Grade One
Grade Two	Osteophytes of more than 2mm to 5mm	Not recommended for breeding – Recorded as a Fail
Grade Three/UAP	Severe changes greater than 5mm	Not recommended for breeding – Recorded as a Fail

(Gradings in bold are deemed a pass *and gradings in normal font are not recommended for breeding****)***

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Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding the above changes on 08 82708994 or 0402 800 163.

Yours sincerely,

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National Breed Commission Chairman.

cc. GSDCA Executive, GSDCA HD/ED Control Scheme Registrar