GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF SA INC.

RECOMMENDED BREEDING PRACTICES

Extract for Member Breeder's from the
"Club Trophies and Recommended Breeding Practices" manual.

RECOMMENDED BREEDING PRACTICES OF THE GSDC OF SA INC.

Amended April 2008 – Effective 1st. May 2008.

Mandatory conditions marked with *

1. Overview

a) Broadly speaking, animals can be divided into two categories for breeding value:
   i) those suitable for breeding; and
   ii) those unsuitable for breeding.
   Included in the latter group are those animals which are afflicted with diseases or deficiencies which make them undesirable in the sense of planned breeding. These are mainly animals with temperament deficiencies (fear-biters, nervous, shy or overly-aggressive animals), or those having testicle deficiencies, extremely long hair without undercoat, deformed or floppy ears, serious tail faults (hooked, curled or rolled up tails) or deformity of any kind. Also included are those dogs severely affected by dysplastic condition of the hip and elbow joints, white coloured dogs and blues or browns.

b) As breed improvement can only be obtained by selective breeding, the better animals of those categorised as suitable for breeding are those which will contribute to breed surveys (see special rules). Breed Survey Class 1 dogs and bitches are those which are anatomically far above the average and, as such, are highly recommended for breed improvement. Breed Survey Class II dogs and bitches are those which are above the average and, as such, are suitable for breed improvement.

c) Those animals that fail to gain breed survey classification, are animals obviously unsuitable for breeding, and should not be used. It is therefore recommended that only dogs and bitches successfully gaining Breed Survey Class I or II be used for breeding.

2. Operation of the Puppy Listing Scheme*

For a litter to be eligible for inclusion in the puppy listing scheme, both parents must have successfully gained Breed Survey Class 1 or Class 11 and have the 'A' and 'Z' stamps for Hips and Elbows. A fee, as determined by the Committee, will entitle litters to be placed on the puppy listings, listed in the Shepherd News and the Web page. Once the litter is sold the Breeder is required to advise the Puppy Listing Officer.

Breed surveyors shall be responsible for inspecting foster-mothers and kennel conditions.

Breeders must submit the following declaration to the club secretary: "I/we declare that the above litter has been bred in accordance with the Recommended Breeding Practices of the GSDC of SA Inc and I/we also declare that I/we have no non-recommended litters planned (within sixteen (16) weeks from the date of whelping of my current listed litter) or on my/our premises or in my/our Kennel name.

I/we will notify the puppy listing officer as soon as any contagious or infectious disease is diagnosed in my/our Kennel, at which time the puppies will be removed from the Puppy Listing and will be reinstated when a letter is received from a Veterinarian, stating that any infection is no longer contagious."

3. Hip & Elbow X-Rays*

Hip Dysplasia
As an x-ray is the only sure way of determining whether an animal is affected with a dysplastic condition of the hip joints, all breeding stock should be x-rayed and x-rays submitted through the National GSDC of A HD Scheme for assessment.

*** Elbow Dysplasia**
As an x-ray is the only sure way of determining whether an animal is affected with a genetic or arthritic condition of the elbow joints, all breeding stock should be x-rayed and x-rays submitted through the National GSDC of A Elbow Scheme for assessment.

4. Minimum Age for Breeding*

After many years' experience it has been found that animals should not be used for breeding before attaining their full development. When first used for breeding, bitches shall be a minimum of eighteen (18) months of age at mating and Breed Surveyed and stud dogs shall be a minimum of eighteen months of age at mating and Breed Surveyed**.**

5. Frequency of Breeding*

A strong and healthy bitch may be mated on consecutive seasons with the following provisions.

(a) To mate the same bitch in consecutive seasons is not a recommended breeding practice and should only be undertaken in exceptional circumstances.

(b) If exceptional circumstances exist which the breeder considers it necessary to mate a bitch causing it to whelp in consecutive seasons, the breeder will not mate that bitch for a period of twelve months from the date of birth of the puppies from that second season.

Irrespective of the frequency of a bitch's seasons, she shall not have more than three litters in any twenty-four month period.

6. Number of Puppies in a Litter*

No Restriction on litter size, however, more than 8 puppies must be supplemented with bottle feeding or the use of a Foster Mother.

7. Use of a Foster-Mother*

a) Where there are more than eight puppies in a litter, a foster-mother may be used to wet-nurse additional puppies. The foster-mother must be strong, healthy, of good character and be at least forty-five centimetres in height at the withers.
b) Puppies which have been accepted by the foster-mother shall be left with her until they are at least five weeks of age. The age difference between the foster-mother's puppies and the fostered puppies shall be no greater than two weeks.
c) The deliberate breeding of a bitch to be used as a foster-mother, and with the intention of destroying the resultant litter, is prohibited. If a foster-mother is used, the breeder must notify the Breed Affairs Chairperson within forty-eight hours and submit written notification to the Club within ten days of whelping.

8. Culling of Puppies*

Culling of puppies shall be done by a Veterinarian. Where puppies need to be culled, a veterinary certificate shall be provided.

9. Rearing of the Litter*

a) If dew claws are present on the hind legs they must be properly removed within a week of birth by a Veterinarian, as this is the only time it can be done without tormenting the puppy.
b) The breeder must ensure that there are neither external nor internal parasites present in the puppies.
c) Puppies shall be vaccinated against distemper, hepatitis and parvovirus prior to tattooing.
d) Puppies reared by their natural mother shall be left with her until they are at least five weeks of age.

10. Tattooing and or Micro chipping*

All puppies bred in accordance with the Recommended Breeding Practices shall be tattooed and or microchipped

To participate the litter must be registered with the Dogs SA, all whelps in the litter must be tattooed and or micro chipped, and tattooing and micro chipping will be carried out between seven (7) and eight (8) weeks of age. All puppies should be micro chipped prior to registration with the Controlling body. (Dogs SA)

11. Age of Puppies at Sale*

Puppies shall not leave the kennel until they are at least eight weeks of age, and then only if there are no contagious diseases in the kennel and the litter has been tattooed.

12. Penalties for False Declarations*

Where a breeder has made a false declaration on a Litter Notification Form, the breeder and the kennel shall be penalised as follows: -

First offence - twelve months denial from the puppy listings.
Second offence - twenty-four months, denial from the puppy listings.
Third offence - banned for life from the puppy listings.

13. Advertising in Breeders Directory

Penalty for signing a Breeders Directory application form and not abiding by the Recommended Breeding Practices will result in the Kennel advertisement being removed from the Web Page and Shepherd News for a period of 12 months from the date of the birth of the litter after which a new application can be lodged. However, if there is a subsequent breech the matter will be dealt with by Committee.

LITTER NOTIFICATION FORM
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BREEDER'S DETAILS

Kennel Prefix: ..... Tattoo Symbol: .....

Breeder: .....

Address .....

..... Postcode: .....

Email Address: .....

Telephone: .....

SIRE'S DETAILS

Sire's Name: ..... DOB: .....

Australian Breed Survey Status: ..... (Yes or No)

Hip Status: ..... Please show either 'A' for Australia or 'a' for German Hip Result

Elbow Status: ..... Please show either 'Z' for Australia or 'ED' for German Elbow Result

DAM'S DETAILS

Dam's Name: ..... DOB: .....

Australian Breed Survey Status: ..... (Yes or No)

Hip Status: ..... Please show either 'A' for Australia or 'a' for German Hip Result

Elbow Status: ..... Please show either 'Z' for Australia or 'ED' for German Elbow Result

Last prior Whelping Date: .....

PUPPY DETAILS

Date litter whelped .....

Number of Puppies:

Born Alive:	Male:	.....	Female:	.....
Born Dead:	Male:	.....	Female:	.....
Since Died/Euthanased:	Male:	.....	Female:	.....
Reared by Natural Mother:	Male:	.....	Female:	.....
Reared by Foster Mother:	Male:	.....	Female:	.....

FOSTER MOTHER DETAILS (If Applicable)

Height at Withers: ..... (in cm's)

Owner: .....

Address .....

..... Postcode: .....

Telephone:

BREEDERS DECLARATION

I/we declare that the above litter has been bred in accordance with the Recommended Breeding Practices of the GSDC of SA Inc and I/we also declare that <u>I/we have no non-recommended litters planned (within sixteen (16) weeks from the date of whelping of my current listed litter) or on my/our premises or in my/our Kennel name</u>.

I/we will notify the puppy listing officer as soon as any contagious or infectious disease is diagnosed in my/our Kennel, at which time the puppies will be removed from the Puppy Listing and will be reinstated when a letter is received from a Veterinarian, stating that any infection is no longer contagious.

Signature: ..... **Date:** ..../..../....

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT ***Please Note:*** *We cannot accept Diners or American Express*

Credit Card number																	**Circle appropriate card**		
				■					■					■				VISA	MASTERCARD	BANKCARD

Name as shown on Credit Card		Expiry Date			/		

Signature ..... Amount $.....

No responsibility will be accepted if this form is not sent to PO Box 1421, ADELAIDE SA 5001 or receipted by the Hon Secretary

CLUB USE ONLY

Receipt Number: ..... Cash/Cheque/Card Amount $.....

Strikeout where appropriate

ABBREVIATED MANDATORY CONDITIONS APPLYING TO THE RECOMMENDED BREEDING PRACTICES

1 (d)	Both parents must have gained Breed Survey Classification, and an 'A' or 'a' Stamp for Hips and 'Z' Stamp for elbows.
1 (e)	I/we declare that the above litter has been bred in accordance with the Recommended Breeding Practices of the GSDC of SA Inc, and I/we also declare that I/we have no non-recommendable litters on my/our premises or in my/our Kennel name.
3	The minimum age for breeding animals shall be eighteen month (18) months for bitches at mating, and eighteen (18) months for dogs at mating and all animals must be Breed survey at the time of whelping (bitches) and dogs (at mating).
7	Where puppies need to be euthanased, a Veterinary certificate shall be provided.
8	Puppies shall be inoculated against Distemper/Hepatitis/Parvo Virus prior to Tattooing.
9	All puppies shall be tattooed in accordance with the National Tattoo Scheme.
10	Puppies shall not be sold and leave the Kennel until eight (8) weeks of age.

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GP0 Box 1421 ADELAIDE 5001

NEW OWNER NOTIFICATION FORM

I wish to notify the Tattooing of the following Litter, including new owner details.

KENNEL PREFIX: TATTOO PREFIX:

BREEDERS NAME(S):

ADDRESS: POSTCODE:

WHELPING DATE:

PHONE: TATTOO DATE:

SIRE: DAM:

TATTOO OFFICER:

1. PUPPY NAME:
SEX: M/F REG NO: ..... TAT NO: .....
NEW OWNER ..... PHONE .....
ADDRESS .....
..... POSTCODE: .....

2. PUPPY NAME:
SEX: M/F REG NO: ..... TAT NO: .....
NEW OWNER ..... PHONE .....
ADDRESS .....
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3. PUPPY NAME:
SEX: M/F REG NO: ..... TAT NO: .....
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12. PUPPY NAME:
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NEW OWNER ..... PHONE .....
ADDRESS .....
..... POSTCODE: .....

Signed.....Dated: / /

NOTE:
If any of the Puppies ate not sold at the time this Form is due to be returned, please insert "UNSOLD", and advise the Club when the Puppy (s) are subsequently sold.

If the Breeder is retaining any of the Puppies, or running any on, please insert RETAINED BY BREEDER, and if subsequently the Puppy is) are sold, advise the Club of the New Owners details.

This form was designed to enable the Club to be able to return a lost or missing animal to as owner at the earliest possible point in time. New owner record forms for all litters tattooed, must be completed by the breeder and returned to the club secretary within sixteen weeks of the whelping date.

Complete and return to the Secretary, PO Box 1421 GPO ADELAIDE 5001
WITHIN SIXTEEN WEEKS OF WHELPING

Date received : / /