

GRUNFELD GERMAN SHEPHERDS

German Terminology

Below are the credentials of the German Shepherds that comprise our World Class breeding stock.

To achieve this coveted Koerklasse 1 (Kkl1) rating, the dogs must compete for titles in Germany or America under the rules and auspices of the Club for German Shepherd Dogs in Germany (SV-Verein für Deutsche Schäferhunde). To meet this World Standard, each dog must have a companion dog temperament test (BH), a minimum of SchH1/IPO1 working degree, certified hips ("a" stamp or OFA), a 12 mile endurance test followed by examination for physical soundness (AD), and compete at a show to achieve a conformation rating of at least SG or "Very Good" (V or "Excellent" being the best at any show that is not the National Championship or Sieger Show where the coveted "Excellent Select" or VA can be awarded once a year to only the very best dogs). These requirements make the dog eligible to enter a Koerung (to qualify for breeding) which is a Breed Survey where the dog is carefully evaluated for excellence of structure, temperament and courage. These impressive requirements are only guidelines for our dedication to the breed. Many times dogs with great prerequisites should not be bred together because of incompatible bloodlines or characteristics.

German Titles and Ratings:

Angekoert- Breed Surveyed (recommended for breeding)

Koerklasse 1 (Kkl 1) Especially recommended for breeding

Koerklasse 2 (Kkl 2) Suitable for breeding. Dog may have a structural or protection work fault which could be compensated for by bloodlines or working qualities. May be resurveyed and reclassified at a later date

"a" Dog's hips have been x-rayed and certified acceptable. Required for Breed Survey.

LG Landesgruppen (Regional) Show. There are approximately 1500 German Shepherd Dog clubs in Germany and these are under the jurisdiction of the 15 Landesgruppen clubs. The LG Shows are larger than the local shows and the judging and rating requirements are stricter. Landesgruppen Sieger and Siegerin titles are awarded.

VA (Vorzüglich Auslese) Excellent Select title that is only awarded at the Annual Sieger

V- (Vorzüglich) Excellent

SG- (Sehr Gut) Very Good

G- (Gut) Good

A- (Ausreichend) Sufficient

M -(Mangelhaft) Faulty

O- (Zero) Failed

U- Unsatisfactory

CACIB a European International Champion

BH (Begleitungshund) Temperament and obedience examination to qualify for Schutzhund titles. This must be completed before competing for SchH1.

SchH (Schutzhund) This test combines the disciplines of obedience protection, and tracking. The titles 1, 2, and 3 denote how advanced the training tests were. Dog must have at least a SchH1 or IPO1 to be Breed Surveyed (Koering or Körung).

IPO (International Prüfung)- comparable to a Schutzhund degree.

AD (Ausdauerpruefung) The dogs passed an endurance test by gaiting approximately six miles per hour for about nine miles with a ten-minute rest halfway, and a simple Obedience Test at the end. The dog is given a simple physical examination after the test. A requirement for the Breed Survey.

HGH (Herdengebrauchshund)- Herding Dog

PH (Polizei Hund)- Police Dog

FH (Fährten Hund)- Tracking Dog

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