



GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF AMERICA-
WORKING DOG ASSOCIATION, INC.

CERTIFIED HELPER CODE OF ETHICS

Participation in the German Shepherd Dog Club of America-Working Dog Association, Inc. (GSDCA-WDA) Helper Certification Program is a privilege made available only to members of the GSDCA-WDA. Because of the nature of the work and its direct effect on the working dog, the development of the Certified Helper Code of Ethics (the "Code") was necessary to assure certain behavioral guidelines for the Certified Helper and for members of the GSDCA-WDA pursuing the Helper Certificate. As with any privilege, there is attendant accountability and concurrent responsibilities. Notwithstanding the Code set forth below, the GSDCA-WDA Board of Directors may revise the Code at any time without notice.

To participate in the GSDCA-WDA Helper Certification Program, a candidate for the Program and a Certified Helper under the Program agrees:

1. Not to manufacture, create, deliver, possess or use with the intent to manufacture, create or deliver any quantity of a controlled substance or to manufacture, create, deliver or possess paraphernalia designed to manufacture, create, deliver, possess or use any quantity of a controlled substance.
2. Not to possess or use alcoholic beverages of any quantity within eight hours before or during participation in the Program as a Certified Helper or during training for a Certified Helper designation.
3. Not to attend a function where the Helper knows controlled substances are unlawfully present.
4. Not to conduct oneself in a manner that is determined to be prejudicial to the sport as defined by the American Kennel Club and the GSDCA-WDA.
5. No Helper may accept a gratuity in any form from an exhibitor, owner, handler or other Helper for performance as a Helper at an event at which the Helper is performing services as a Helper. If a Helper is alleged to have accepted a gratuity in any form in violation of this item 5., the certification as a Helper shall be immediately suspended subject to a hearing as provided in Article VII of the GSDCA-WDA bylaws.

The preceding shall not prohibit the use or possession of prescription drugs which a medical doctor has prescribed as a course of treatment.

Failure to adhere to the Code for members not yet Certified shall result in the discharge (or termination) of the member from the Certification Program. For failure to adhere to the Code for members that have been Certified the charges shall be forwarded to the GSDCA-WDA Executive Committee for action pursuant to the provisions of Article VII of the GSDCA-WDA bylaws.

All allegations of failure to adhere to the Code shall be brought to the attention of the President of the GSDCA-WDA or such other committee as may be constituted for review of the allegations. The committee shall consist of not less than two members of the Board of the GSDCA-WDA, the Chair of the Helper Certification Program Committee, and one member of the Helper Certification Program Committee.

I, the undersigned have read and understand the foregoing and by signing below do hereby agree to abide by the Code as set forth herein.

Signature

Today's Date

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____