



German Shepherd Dog Club of America-Working Dog Association

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Dear WDA Members:

It has been brought to my attention that a number of recent posts are made to various facebook pages and other blogs that contain inaccurate and extremely misleading information about the WDA and the WUSV Joint Qualification Trial. It is a shame that there are individuals who need to confuse those of you who only wish to enjoy the German Shepherd Dog sport as intended by the WUSV and the SV. I will address those misleading posts at the end of this message. In the interim, it is important that you are provided with the correct information.

1. WDA members are entitled to qualify for participation in the upcoming WUSV Joint Qualification Trial.
2. Both (a) the WDA National IPO & FH Championship and (b) the WDA National Universal Sieger Championship are moving forward as scheduled, on May 1 to 3, 2015.
3. The WDA competitors entering the WUSV Joint Qualification Trial will be determined following the WDA National IPO Championship.
4. The WDA competitors entering the WUSV Universal Sieger Championship will be determined following the WDA National Universal Sieger Championship.
5. The Breed Survey which is scheduled in connection with the WDA National Universal Sieger Championship will be held, as planned.
6. The WUSV North American Sieger Show ("NASS") will be held as scheduled, on October 2 to 4, 2015.
7. The Breed Survey which is scheduled in connection with the WUSV North American Sieger Show will be held.
8. None of the above events are denied by the WUSV or the SV. Absent any decision by the WDA to the contrary (and the WDA has no intention of terminating any of these events), the above events will occur as scheduled.



Now, allow me to address the misinformation posted on the internet.

The individuals posting on the internet are not members of either the WDA Board or the GSDCA Board. On March 18, 2015, Frank Fasano, GSDCA President, was placed under oath at a hearing before the District Court of El Paso County, in the State of Colorado. He was questioned about these misleading statements made by individuals who contend that they are making their statements under the ostensible authority of the GSDCA. He was specifically questioned about statements made by both Ron Gordon and Christine Mandela. Mr. Fasano responded that these individuals, specifically Ron Gordon and Christine Mandela, are not GSDCA Board members and, accordingly, (a) they have no authority to make these posts on behalf of the GSDCA and (b) neither he nor the GSDCA have any ability to control the accuracy/inaccuracy of these individuals' posts on the internet.

Based on Mr. Fasano's sworn responses, the statements made by these unauthorized individuals are mere speculation, not official GSDCA statements and should be discounted and ignored.

Here are the facts:

1. The WDA, the GSDCA and the USCA entered into a written agreement in May 2013 (referred to here as the "Protocol Agreement"), which ensures WDA's participation in the WUSV Joint Qualification Trial ... "(F)or so long as such a requirement applies to the selection of a United States team". On March 18, 2015, the District Court of El Paso County, in the State of Colorado, found this agreement to be valid and binding.
2. In December 2014, the WUSV verbally instructed the GSDCA to resolve the issues in the United States with both the WDA and the USCA, which included the issues of the WUSV Joint Qualification Trial.
3. On January 8, 2015, the WUSV followed up with its December instructions with an email to the GSDCA, the WDA and the USCA which advised them (a) to come together to resolve their issues and (b) that Dan Yee will provide the points for discussion.
4. In response to the January 8, 2015 email, a telephone conference was scheduled. That conference was canceled by the GSDCA representative.
5. On February 13, 2015, the WUSV wrote to Frank Fasano (with a copy to Dan Yee) wherein Mr. Fasano was advised that the WUSV/SV will withhold release of SV Judges to the national events requested by both the GSDCA and the WDA, pending resolution of the dispute between the GSDCA and the WDA.
6. On March 27, 2015, the WUSV emailed both Frank Fasano and Dan Yee, advising them that both GSDCA and WDA will continue to receive SV Judge releases only through July 31, 2015, unless both parties resolve their differences.
7. Notwithstanding the March 27, 2015 email, the WDA has received releases for its WUSV North American Sieger Show that is scheduled for October 2 to 4, 2015.
8. The WDA has received a judge release for the show judge at its WDA National Universal Sieger Championship. Wolfgang Henke had originally agreed to judge the WDA National IPO



& FH Championship. Because of a calendar conflict, the SV has requested that the WDA name a replacement judge. The replacement judge, Ferdinand Diermayr, has agreed to officiate in place of Herr Henke. The WDA expects the release for Herr Diermayr to be forthcoming.

9. Various correspondence received from the WUSV/SV have been posted on the web. These posts are made by others who are not affiliated in any manner with the WDA. The WUSV/SV have expressly advised both the GSDCA and the WDA that these communications are confidential and should not be circulated. The WDA is respectful of its close working relationship with the WUSV and SV. It will not violate the mutual respect that it has for the WUSV/SV and their requests. In this regard, the WDA and I will not publish any of the correspondence from the WUSV/SV on the web, unless the WUSV/SV expressly authorizes the same.

The WDA's decision to not post any of the WUSV/SV communications has nothing to do with disclosure or transparency. It has everything to do with the mutual respect between the WUSV/SV and the WDA. I ask that you understand (a) the importance of such respect and (b) the reasons why neither the WDA nor I have posted the actual correspondence exchanged between the WUSV/SV and the WDA.

10. The GSDCA and the WDA continue their settlement discussions. These discussions are part of the mediation process that began on March 19, 2015. Mediation statutes and policies impose a cloak of confidentiality which prevent the parties from discussing any details of the mediation. The WDA and I, however, are optimistic that our discussions will lead to a resolution of the GSDCA/WDA disputes. In this regard, I promise to keep you informed to the extent that WDA and I are legally allowed.
11. The GSDCA and WDA had a Court hearing on March 18, 2015. A number of important findings were made by the Court at the hearing. The WDA has requested a copy of the court order. As soon as a copy is received, the WDA will make that available for the membership's review.
12. All of the above facts confirm that the WUSV/SV are treating the GSDCA and WDA equally. While the GSDCA is the WUSV member and the WDA is the Appointed Partner Organization, both are viable in the eyes of the WUSV/SV. Any suggestion otherwise that is made by those posting on the web is not correct and should be ignored.

I hope that I have clarified the issues which are of great concern to many of you.

I repeat my appreciation to each of you who have renewed your WDA membership. The WDA and I thank you for your continued support. Please continue to use our services for your WUSV/SV needs, including (without limitation) (a) the processing of breed surveys and hip/elbow certifications and (b) the issuance of score books.

I look forward to seeing you at one of the upcoming national events.

Dan