



German Shepherd Dog Club Of America-Working Dog Association

H U N D E G R A M

August 22, 2016

Dear WDA Member:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT:

On behalf of the WDA Board of Directors and myself, I thank you and all the WDA Members for your continued support of the WDA.

Because of the pending litigation between the WDA and the GSDCA, we had lost our two primary sources of revenue in 2015 and 2016: (1) Membership Dues and (2) Event Fees. Our third source of revenue derived from providing services for SV programs (such as hip and elbow certifications) continues, but at a reduced level.

The WDA Board decided to stop collecting membership dues and to stop approving events because (1) the WDA could not guarantee the continuation of full membership benefits pending the WDA/GSDCA litigation and (2) the WUSV advised us that it will not approve further releases of SV judges to our events without GSDCA approval.

Notwithstanding the WDA Board's decision to stop collecting membership dues and approving SV-style events, a considerable number of loyal WDA members and supporters have insisted that we accept their membership dues and have expressed their hope that the WDA will return to a place where it may promote the breeding and the training of the German Shepherd Dog in complete compliance with the international standards as promulgated by the SV.

The generosity and support from each of you who continue (1) to pay dues and (2) to use the WDA for processing your dog's hip and elbow certifications under the SV programs are keeping the WDA organization alive while we work to resolve the WDA/GSDCA matters. The WDA Board Members and I express our sincerest appreciation to each of you for your continued support. In this regard (and pending the final resolution of the WDA/GSDCA litigation), the WDA Board has voted to maintain your individual WDA membership, all current WDA club memberships, WDA helper certifications, and WDA judge certifications in good standing until further notice.

In the interim, we look forward to supporting your needs for services under the SV programs. If you have any questions or require any assistance, please call or email Gretchen at the WDA Office or any

of the WDA Board Members. The contact information for the WDA Office and the WDA Board Members is available at www.GSDCA-WDA.org.

WDA/GSDCA LITIGATION UPDATE:

A little more than two years has passed since the WDA/GSDCA litigation began. The litigation consists of two lawsuits. One lawsuit is before a Colorado Court and it concerns only claims which the GSDCA has pending against the WDA. A second lawsuit is before a California Court which addresses all the claims which the WDA has against the GSDCA. Because of court-ordered restraints and instructions from WDA legal counsel, the WDA is allowed to release only limited information concerning the litigation.

Last week, the WDA and GSDCA agreed to settle the Colorado litigation. The settlement terms are confidential, and both the WDA and the GSDCA are prohibited from disclosing any of the details. On August 16, 2016, as a result of the WDA/GSDCA settlement agreement, the Colorado Court dismissed all of GSDCA's claims against the WDA with prejudice. The California litigation was held in abeyance pending resolution of the Colorado lawsuit. Termination of the Colorado litigation now allows the California lawsuit to move forward.

I apologize that restraints imposed by either the Court or legal counsel prohibit the WDA from providing more information on (1) the Colorado settlement or (2) the pending status of the California lawsuit. As we move forward, however, please be assured that the WDA will share with you any new information which is allowed by both the Court and our legal counsel.

Thank you again for your continued support of the WDA. The WDA Board looks forward to the day when we may work together again on all WUSV/SV matters.

Dan