

Helpers Manual

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Section 1

Schutzhund Helpers Panel

1.1 Responsibility

- 1.1.1 The Schutzhund Helpers Panel shall be the responsibility of the National Training Committee together with the National Training Supervisor.
- 1.1.2 It shall be the responsibility of the National Training Supervisor and/or the Vice National Training Supervisor to co-ordinate at least six helper's seminars throughout the country per calendar year.

1.2 Application

- 1.2.1 Fully paid-up, bona fide members of the Federation are eligible to apply as helpers on the Schutzhund Helpers Panel.
- 1.2.2 Persons under the age of 18 years must have a letter of consent from their natural or legal guardian.
- 1.2.3 The applicant must have successfully completed at least one (1) Federation recognised helper's training course and be an active member of a club without remuneration.
- 1.2.4 The applicant must have been active and trained for Schutzhund within a local club environment for two (2) years.
- 1.2.5 The application must be forwarded in writing, to the National Training Supervisor, via the National Administration, together with a recommendation from the local club where the applicant is training, stating all relevant qualifications and experience.

1.3 Schutzhund Helper Evaluation Panel

- 1.3.1 Applicant Helpers shall be evaluated by a Schutzhund Helper Evaluation Panel which shall consist of:
- a) The National Training Supervisor which shall be the convenor;
 - b) A Tutor Helper;
 - c) One or two other suitably qualified persons.
- 1.3.2 Should the National Training Supervisor be unavailable, he shall appoint a suitable delegate.

1.3 Examination of Applicants

- 1.3.1 The evaluation will be carried out by the Schutzhund Helper Evaluation Panel.
- 1.3.2 A theoretical examination on the rules and regulations governing the Schutzhund tests will be written and a pass mark of 80% is required.
- 1.3.3 A practical assessment is required and will be based on fitness and performance. The aspirant Helper will be evaluated on his abilities in the following:
- a) Technical ability for competition and trial helper work;
 - b) Understanding of techniques for training and dog development;
 - c) Understanding of “problem” dogs and situations both in tests and training.
- 1.3.4 After the evaluation, the Tutor Helper will submit the panel's decision on the applicant in a written report to the National Training Supervisor, via the National Administration.

1.4 Maintaining Status as a Schutzhund Helper

1.4.1 Members of the Schutzhund Helper's Panel must officiate as a Helper at least once every year in a Schutzhund event

or

1.4.2 Helpers must participate in a Federation recognised refresher course at least twice a year.

1.4.3 Helpers must remain active members of an official Federation club without remuneration.

1.5 Tutor Helpers

1.5.1 Applicant must have officiated as a Helper in at least ten (10) different Schutzhund events at all three levels. At least two such events must have been at clubs other than their own.

1.5.2 Tutor Helpers will be appointed from the Helpers Panel by the Schutzhund Helpers Evaluation Panel.

1.5.3 Appointment as a Tutor Helper shall be based on a Helper's ability with respect to

- a) Technical correctness;
- b) Ability to instruct and develop aspirant Helpers;
- c) Ability to upgrade training skills of novice Helpers and
- d) Ability to officiate at Breed Surveys.

1.5.4 The Applicant may not derive income out of training of Helpers.

4.6 Maintaining Status as a Tutor Helper

4.6.1 Tutor Helpers must officiate as a Helper at least once during a calendar year at a Schutzhund event.

- 4.6.2 Tutor Helpers shall be obliged to present at least three recognised Helper's seminars each year unless good cause is shown in writing prior to the event being held.

Section 2

Breed Survey Helpers Panel

2.1 Responsibility

- 2.1.1 The Breed Survey Helpers Panel shall be the responsibility of the National Breed Committee together with the National Breed Supervisor.
- 2.1.2 The obligation to arrange seminars for Breed Survey Helpers lies with the Breed Surveyors Panel and the clubs. Where possible, maximum use must be made of visiting SV Breed Surveyors.

2.2 Application for Accreditation to the Breed Survey Helpers Panel

- 2.2.1 All prospective Breed Survey Helpers must be nominated by a Federation club, which must submit proof of all necessary credentials and curriculum vitae to the National Administration.
- 2.2.2 All applicants must comply with the following prerequisites:
- a) Must be a member of the Federation and in good standing;
 - b) Must be an active member of a Federation club without remuneration;
 - c) Must be an active handler or exhibitor in the breed ring;
 - d) Must have handled or trained at least 3 dogs through a Breed Survey.

2.3 Maintaining Accreditation as a Breed Survey Helper

- 2.3.1 Must remain a member of the Federation in good standing.
- 2.3.2 Must remain an active member of an official Federation club without remuneration.
- 2.3.3 A Breed Survey Helper who resigns from his club must again become an active member of another club within 6 months of such resignation, failing which he will be suspended from the panel.
- 2.3.4 Any Helper who refrains from active membership of a club for 12 months will be removed from the panel and must re-apply.
- 2.3.5 Must participate in at least 1 seminar for Breed Survey Helpers each year.

2.4 Evaluation of Prospective Breed Survey Helpers

- 2.4.1 When sufficient applicants are available (3 or more), the National Administration will arrange with a club hosting a Breed Survey and a Breed Surveyor to evaluate the applicants.
- 2.4.2 During the evaluation, the applicants must write a test, set by the evaluating surveyor, pertaining to the following:
 - a) The rules and regulations of the Breed Survey as contained in the Breed Survey Manual applicable to helper work;
 - b) The understanding of the applicants regarding the role of the Breed Survey.
- 2.4.3 The written test will be followed by a practical test based on the Breed Survey protection-work routine during which each applicant must work at least 5 dogs. It is the responsibility of the club hosting the Breed Survey to arrange for these dogs.
- 2.4.4 A minimum of 80% must be achieved to pass.