



German Shepherd Dog Federation of SA

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Evaluation Code    Left Hip \_\_\_\_\_ Right Hip \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/20\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Evaluator

Breed Recommendation Grading \_\_\_\_\_

Invoice No \_\_\_\_\_

Processed on Database \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/20\_\_\_\_

**Directives to Owners & Vets  
of Dogs to be X-Rayed for Hip Dysplasia**

*See Section 9 of the Breed Ordinance for full details*

1. No litters will be accepted for registration if both sire and dam concerned have not passed the Federation's official Hip Dysplasia (HD) scheme or an HD scheme which is recognized by the Federation.
2. Owners must have prospective breeding stock X-rayed well before scheduled matings to ensure that results can be processed timeously.
3. Dogs not registered with the Federation must be registered with the Federation before they are X-rayed since the official Federation Identification Number is the only form of reference and animals not registered with the Federation can therefore not be identified.
4. The dog to be X-rayed for HD must be at least 12 months old and, together with its original pedigree, may be presented to any Veterinarian. Elbow Dysplasia (ED) X-rays are not part of the Federation's official health scheme unless directed thereto by the National Breed Supervisor in terms of Section 10 of the Breed Ordinance. However, the owner may have ED X-rays taken at the same time for evaluation and certification by Prof Kirberger at an additional cost.
5. The Veterinarian, not the owner, must complete Form B7 and forward the completed form together with the X-rays to the offices of the Federation (address above). The Federation will forward the X-rays to Prof Kirberger for evaluation. Should X-rays be given to the owner, they will be ineligible and will have to be re-taken.
6. The cost of taking X-rays and the postage thereof to the Federation is payable directly to the Veterinarian concerned.
7. Evaluation charges (which includes an administration fee) is payable directly to the Federation and must be paid by the owner immediately after the X-rays have been taken.
8. It is recommended that the original pedigree be sent to the Federation by the Veterinarian together with the X-ray. If not, it must be submitted to the Federation by the owner together with the above mentioned evaluation fees. Only when all fees have been paid and the original pedigree is in possession of the Federation, will the X-ray be read, the results processed and forwarded to the owner.

9. It is compulsory that an X-ray of each radiological HD examination must be submitted to the Federation for evaluation by the official evaluator, even if the dog is too young or it is clearly apparent that it will fail. Once submitted, all X-rays become the property of the Federation as they form a basis for research and progeny testing, which is of vital importance to all concerned.
10. Note that passing the HD scheme is only one of the requirements for breeding. Owners must ensure that all requirements prescribed in the Breed Ordinance are met before allowing a mating to take place.
11. It is not recommended that bitches are X-rayed whilst pregnant, in season or in early lactation.

### Special Notes to Veterinarians

The following information must be permanent features of a radiograph:

- Date of examination
- Examining Veterinarian and/or Practice
- Dog's Identification Number
- Marker identifying the left or right side

The X-ray procedure is the same as that used by the Veterinary hospital at Onderstepoort. Only one X-ray is required i.e. the Standard FCI Extended VD Hip View. **The flexed or "frog leg" view is not required.** If unfamiliar with the procedure, the necessary information can be obtained from the administrative office of the Federation.

### Who may sign?

- Should a Veterinarian delegate signing authority to a Veterinary Nurse or other authorised employee, the liability in terms of the procedures required herein will remain with said Veterinarian;
- Any one of the owners of a dog as indicated on the back of the pedigree may sign unless otherwise agreed to between them and/or the Federation;
- If there is no owner designated on the back of a pedigree, the breeder as indicated on the front of the pedigree is the owner.
- A Keeper of a dog may only sign on behalf of an owner or owners if in possession of a formal Power of Attorney thereto.

### Particulars of Veterinarian

Name of Vet \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Practice \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Code \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Tel \_\_\_\_\_

### Particulars of Dog & Owner

Registered Name \_\_\_\_\_

Registration No \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Identification No \_\_\_\_\_  Tattoo  Microchip

Registered Owner(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Fed Membership No(s) \_\_\_\_\_

This is the  1st  2nd  3rd time the dog is X-rayed for the HD scheme\*

Examination Date \_\_\_\_\_

### By their signatures hereto, the Owner(s) and the Veterinarian certify and agree to the following:

- The radiographs were taken according to the directives for inclusion in the Hip Dysplasia scheme of the German Shepherd Dog Federation of South Africa;
- **The Veterinarian personally and physically checked the identification of the dog;**
- The submitted X-rays become the property of the Federation;
- The Veterinarian and the owner(s) do hereby expressly and irrevocably give their respective consent and permission to furnish all necessary and relevant information arising out of this Hip X-ray examination to a duly authorized representative of the German Shepherd Dog Federation of South Africa should same be required for any investigation in terms of schedules of the Federation's Constitution.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Veterinarian

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Signature of Owner(s)

\* Except for the first time, the dog has to be accompanied by an official of the Federation designated thereto by the National Administrator.