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SCHEDULE AND ENTRY FORMS

# IRISH SIEGER BREED SHOW 2019

SUNDAY JULY 14<sup>TH</sup> 2019

*Host club: OG Gorey*

VENUE:

*OG Gorey, Courtown Hibs FC, Co Wexford*

BREED JUDGE

*Herr Hans-Peter Schweimer*

*(SV, Germany, Kennel vom Nordlandzwinger)*

HELPER:

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*The closing date for entries is Monday July 1 2019*

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An extract from the 'Verein für Deutsche Schäferhund' (SV) breed Standard.

"The German Shepherd Dog, whose methodical breeding was started in 1899 after the foundation of the society, had been bred from the central German and southern German breeds of the herding dogs existing at that time with **the ultimate objective of creating a working dog inclined to high achievements.**

In order to achieve this objective, the breed standard of the German Shepherd Dog was determined, which relates to the **physical constitution** as well as the **traits** and **characteristics.**"

In addition to the physical conformation," the German Shepherd Dog must be well-balanced (with strong nerves) in terms of character, self-assured, absolutely natural and (except for a stimulated situation) good-natured as well as attentive and willing to please. He must possess instinctive behaviour, resilience and self-assurance in order to be suitable as a companion, guard, protection, service and herding dog."

GSA Ireland wholeheartedly endorses the sentiments of the parent Schäferhund Verein (SV). The following ratings may be conferred on dogs assessed against the Breed Standard Criteria in (SV) equivalent age classes.

## **IRISH SIEGER BREED SHOW RATINGS – IRL**

<b>VA</b>	<b>Vorzüglich Auslesse</b>	<b>Excellent Select</b>
<b>V</b>	<b>Vorzüglich</b>	<b>Excellent</b>
<b>SG</b>	<b>Sehr Gut</b>	<b>Very Good</b>
<b>G</b>	<b>Gut</b>	<b>Good</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>Ausreichend</b>	<b>Sufficient</b>
<b>U</b>	<b>Ungenügend</b>	<b>Insufficient</b>

Ratings are awarded at the sole discretion of the judge

### TITLES AWARDED

The titles listed below are awarded at the Irish Sieger Breed Show and are the only titles authorised for use. These titles are awarded within the WUSV guidelines for equivalent SV age group classes and are identified as follows:-

**IRISH SIEGER or SIEGERIN (with respective Grade) – Working Class - 2+ years**

**YOUNG SIEGER or SIEGERIN (with respective Grade) – Young Class – 18 to 24 months**

**YOUTH SIEGER or SIEGERIN (with respective Grade) – Youth Class – 12 to 18 months**

Long Coat dogs reflect the listed Sieger, Young and Youth titles in the Working, Young and Youth Classes

In ALL other classes there are no titles awarded; instead the respective grading is used in conjunction with the placing

**TIME SCHEDULE & RUNNING ORDER (MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE, TO BE ADVERTISED)**

SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JULY 2019

8.00 am Show grounds open to exhibitors and visitors

8.30 am ID Check/number allocation - CHECKED IN DOGS CAN ONLY BE WITHDRAWN WITH VETERINARY APPROVAL

9.00 am Practice TSB Test - Working Classes – on conclusion a draw to take place for running order for TSB Test

10.00 am Commencement of Judging:

Class 1M - Minor Puppy Male Class (6 months to 9 months)

Class 1F - Minor Puppy Female Class

Class 2M - Puppy Male Class (9 months to 12 months)

Class 2F - Puppy Female Class

**TSB TESTS: For Working Males & Females and will take place after Class 2F, (Males then Females - Order as per draw)**

Class 3M - Youth Male Class (12 months to 18 months)

Class 3F - Youth Female Class

Class 4M - Young Male Class (18 months to 24 months)

Class 4F - Young Female Class

Longcoat Class Puppy Male/Female (6 months to 12 months)

Longcoat Class Youth Male/Female (12 months to 18 months)

Longcoat Class Young Male/Female (18 months to 24 months)

Longcoat Class Untitled Male /Female (2 years of age and older)

Longcoat Class Working Male/Female (2 years of age and older)

**Judging of Progeny Groups and Judging of Kennel Groups**

Class 5F - Untitled Female Class (2 years of age and older)

Class 5M - Untitled Male Class

**Class 6F – Working Female Class** (2 years of age and older)

**Class 6M – Working Male Class**

\*\* Long Coat Classes will be exhibited in gender groups dictated by the use of the gun test - LC Male Puppy Group, LC Female Puppy Group – less than 12 months; LC Male and LC Female Groups - over 12 months of age. However, the dogs will be rated in their respective age class in which they are entered, not necessarily in the order in which they are placed in the over 12 month groupings which contain several age classes

**The conferring of a Rating on a dog in the above Classes is solely dependent on the decision of the officiating judge. There are no grounds for appeal.**

**Immediately after the Working Dog Class we ask all competitors to bring their dogs to the arena to participate in an Awards Ceremony for the newly crowned Irish Sieger & Siegerin**

# IRISH SIEGER BREED SHOW 2019

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

- a) The breed show is open to pure bred German Shepherd dogs with verifiable identification of both stockhair and longstockhair that are either registered in the SV studbook or in the addendum register or in any other studbook or addendum register accepted by the SV/FCI. The dog must be at least 6 months old and vaccinated. Dogs from outside of the jurisdiction must comply with the regulations of the EU Pet Passport Scheme. Excluded are dogs that are ill or suspected to be ill. Separate classes will be provided for stockhair and longstockhair dogs.
- b) The competition classifications are according to the Weltunion der Vereine für Deutsche Schäferhund – WUSV 'age class system'.
- c) For eligibility to receive Excellent Select (VA) or Excellent (V) titles the dogs must have met the criterion below. The judge will be responsible for deciding the worthiness of animals to receive titles.
- d) With the exception of the puppies all other entrants over 12 months shall submit to a gun-sureness test.
- e) All entrants in the breed classes must have verifiable identification – ISO microchip or tattoo number registered with either the GSA or any formally recognised WUSV body. It is the responsibility of the registered owner to provide the documentation supportive of the dog's identity, hip/elbow status or other requirements at time of entry and produce original documentation at the show. This notification is legally regarded as sufficient notification to exhibitors.
- f) All exhibits must be submitted to an initial identity check and may be examined again at any other time as determined by the event authorities.
- g) During the identity check if a dog is determined to be anti-social, dangerous/aggressive, or out of effective control it shall be deprived of eligibility to continue in the event. The determination of the unsuitability of such animals shall rest with an examining working judge (GSA licensed) and/or GSA Ireland National Working Warden and the decision is final. A checked-in dog can only be withdrawn from its' class with approval from a vet.
- h) Handlers will be required to wear the officially issued numbered bibs provided whilst in the ring which must be returned before leaving the ring after the completion of the Class. The person responsible for a Progeny or Kennel group is to return to the registration location to acquire the respective bibs for the exhibits in their groups. It is the responsibility of the owner to return the bib and failure to do so will result in a charge of €30.
- i) Animals with hip/elbow scores in excess of the stated requirements may be exhibited but will reflect the rating the dog receives (Eg, U/Insufficient).
- j) GSA Ireland will publish in the show catalogue, and any subsequent report, any GSA approved and verifiable working qualifications or health certificates. SV/WUSV Breed Survey qualifications will be noted. A copy of the show catalogue will be made available to the judge during the show and, if asked, the pedigree and other original documentation of the exhibit should be presented by the handler in the show ring - Exhibitors are responsible for recovering their paperwork.
- k) Entry to Progeny Class: The stud dog must have been 2 years old and SV "a" stamp hips and elbows, documentary evidence required. There must be a minimum of three (3) progeny, all of which must have been exhibited in this event and graded in the scheduled age classes. The owner of the sire must enter the group and have obtained the consent of the progeny owners to enter their dogs in the group. A signed entry is deemed by GSA Ireland as compliance with this stipulation. It is not mandatory that the sire is exhibited at the Show to

have a group present. The owner of the sire is responsible for the assembly of the progeny group on the day and the sire identification board, carrying the name of the sire only.

- l) Entry to Kennel Group Class: There must be a minimum of three (3) animals and a maximum of five (5) animals, all of which must have been exhibited in this event and graded in the scheduled age classes. Only one group is permitted per prefix. Dams of the exhibits to have been 20+ months old at whelping of progeny and have an SV "a" stamp hips and elbows. Sires must have been 18+ months old at time of mating, have a hip/elbow score as defined for dam, documentary evidence required. Prefix owner must have obtained the consent of the owners to enter their dogs in the group.
- m) A signed entry is deemed by GSA Ireland as compliance with this stipulation. Prefix owner is responsible for the assembly of the group and provision of information board with only the name of the Kennel noted. Criterion for placement is at the Judge's discretion, as is decision to place groups.
- n) Entries will not be accepted without the appropriate fees. Fees are noted on the entry form.
- o) The full entry fee is to be paid [and kept] even if dogs are entered, but not shown.
- p) It is the responsibility of the owner/exhibitor to enter the dog in the appropriate class. Clerical errors will, where possible, be rectified up to commencement of the class judging. Entry forms must be signed by an adult of 18+ years or countersigned by a parent/ guardian if a minor and be accompanied by a copy of these conditions as acceptance.
- q) Receipt of a legitimately signed entry form bestows temporary GSA membership on all exhibitors, handlers, owners and family members attending the event. GSA Ireland operates within the conditions of the laws of the country and observes all other statutory regulations and conditions affecting the control of dogs, the humane treatment of animals, environmental and litter codes. GSA safety officers shall attend.
- r) A signed show entry form or signed entrance document is considered acceptance of all the terms and conditions outlined above and further acknowledgement of GSA Ireland's rights and powers to regulate its own affairs and the control and conduct of this show. It is also de facto acceptance of all terms of the contract contained and employed in the GSA waiver form.
- s) Dogs that were shown in the "standing exam" (individual exam) and then are taken out of further competition without explicit authorisation from the acting breed judge, will receive a rating with the notation "Insufficient" (Ungenügend) and must be banned from showing. Also, dogs that are not exhibited in their class after being registered/ID checked and allocated their exhibit number without a written notice from the designated Veterinary or the explicit authorisation from the breed judge, will receive a rating with the notation of "Insufficient" (Ungenügend).
- t) A judge's decision at a conformation show is definite and final. No objection against it is allowed.
- u) The exhibitor is obligated to make true statements about his dog. Attempted deceptions may lead to the introduction of criminal proceedings by the club.
- v) The exhibitor is obligated to show sportsmanlike conduct. Offences can lead to the disqualification of dogs, to a reprimand, and/or the introduction of club disciplinary proceedings. Whoever intentionally makes false statements or fails to answer charges or demanded statements, or who makes or tolerates changes or surgical alteration of his dogs, with apparent intent to deceive the judge, will lose not only any award or show placing, but also, according to the gravity in the case, can be excluded from subsequent events or be awarded a penalty by the GSA.
- w) At conformation shows, it is not permissible to handle any dogs that are owned by the acting judge and/or his near relatives. Extreme reserve should be exercised with dogs that were trained by, or owned by the judge or any of his relatives. It is the responsibility of the owner to declare any connection in this regard.
- x) At the individual exam ("standing presentation") dogs are to be shown to the judge without substantial help in posing (they are to show a natural stance).

- y) By entering dogs in a GSA event, dog owners indicate their agreement to the removal of hair for tests, which can be done upon the order of the acting judge, by any person authorised by him. The hair samples are to be sent in the GSA Executive Council. This action serves to grant leave for them to test the hair for dyes applied to the dogs. The owner/s are responsible. If the suspicion confirms hair colour manipulation, the costs of the investigative procedure are to be carried by the owner/s of the tested dogs. In such a case, any breed evaluation made in the show ring is cancelled, and for the dog in question there is an embargo from any entry in the studbook, for 12 months from the day of the determination. The GSA will immediately introduce a rule hearing against the owner/s. If the manipulation is not verified, GSA Ireland carries the costs of that investigation.
- z) During the show and the judging, it is not allowed to use noisemakers or loudspeakers that function electrically or with gas or compressed air to stimulate the dogs'. It is likewise forbidden to employ pistols, whip-cracking sounds, IGP sleeves, etc. Offences can lead to the disqualification of the dogs, to the reprimand of the caller, and to the introduction of internal GSA procedures against the owner and the caller.

**NOTE:** The UK Breed Council Survey results “**WILL NOT**” be recognised or included in the catalogue.

**NOTE:** Pedigrees MUST be SV/WUSV recognised body in origin, “home produced” not accepted.

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## **CLASSES 1 to 4 REQUIREMENT CRITERIA FOR EXHIBITS**

These classes are for those dogs aged 6 months to 2 years on the date of the show.

The requirements are:

1. Proven Identification (Microchip/Tattoo) – this will be checked at event during registration and at any time thereafter.
2. Registration certificate of exhibit
3. Where appropriate documentary evidence of hip/elbow status; hip/elbow scores in excess of the stated requirements may be exhibited but will reflect the rating the dog receives.
4. Any exhibit that has been granted an HD/ED score must disclose the score.
5. For title of Youth Sieger and Youth Siegerin, animals MUST have HD/ED scores, as outlined in Class 5 point 3. Any animal over 18 months old MUST have SV “a” stamp HD/ED scores
6. Where appropriate the dog must pass an impartiality test and show indifference to gun-shot.

Highest rating available Sehr Gut - Very Good

## **LONG COAT CLASSES REQUIREMENT CRITERIA FOR EXHIBITS**

These classes are for those Long Coat dogs aged 6 months to 2+ years on the date of the show.

The requirements are:

1. Proven Identification (Microchip/Tattoo) – this will be checked at event during registration and at any time thereafter.
2. Registration certificate of exhibit equivalent to Class 1 - 4
3. Where appropriate documentary evidence of hip/elbow status; hip/elbow scores in excess of the stated requirements may be exhibited but will reflect the rating the dog receives
4. Any exhibit that has been granted a HD/ED score must disclose the score
5. For title of LC Youth Sieger and LC Youth Siegerin MUST have HD/ED scores as outlined in Class 5 point 3. Any animal over 18 months old MUST have SV “a” stamp HD/ED scores
6. Where appropriate the dog must pass an impartiality test and show indifference to gun-shot
7. A Long Coat dog entered into the Untitled Class will adhere to the requirements as for Class 5

Highest rating available Sehr Gut – Very Good

8. A Long Coat dog entered in the Working Class must be a minimum of 2 years old on the date of the show and have the credentials which are in full compliance with the GSAWUSV rules of eligibility. The requirements are listed as per Class 6 contained within this schedule. The failure to furnish all documents shall constitute grounds for disqualification.

Highest rating available Vorzüglich Auslesse – Excellent Select

**The conferring of a grade on a dog in the above Classes is solely dependent on the decision of the officiating judge. There are no grounds for appeal.**

## **CLASS 5      REQUIREMENT CRITERIA FOR EXHIBITS**

A dog entered in the Untitled Class must be a minimum of 2 years old on the date of the show and meet the following requirements:

1. Proven Identification (Microchip/Tattoo) – this will be checked at event during registration and at any time thereafter
2. 3 generation pedigree which must be GSA/SV/WUSV recognised body in origin, “home produced” not accepted
3. SV/WUSV documentation for Hip/Elbow status: normal; fast normal or noch zugelassen
4. The dog must pass an impartiality test and show indifference to gun-shot

Highest rating available Sehr Gut – Very Good

**The conferring of a grade on a dog in Class 5 is solely dependent on the decision of the officiating judge. There are no grounds for appeal.**

## **CLASS 6      REQUIREMENT CRITERIA FOR EXHIBITS**

A dog entered in the Working Class must be a minimum of 2 years old on the date of the show and have the following credentials which are in full compliance with the GSA/WUSV rules of eligibility. The failure to furnish all original documents shall constitute grounds for disqualification. The requirements are:

1. The exhibit must participate in the TSB Test prior to exhibiting in the breed ring  
\*\*Exhibitors should make themselves fully aware of the TSB Rules and Regulations\*\*
2. 5 generation pedigree which **must** be GSA/SV/WUSV recognised body in origin, “home produced” **not** accepted
3. Proven Identification (Microchip/Tattoo) – this will be checked at event during registration and at any time thereafter
4. Proven DNA as per pedigree
5. GSA/SV/WUSV working qualification (minimum IGP1 working degree)
6. SV/WUSV documentation for Hip/elbow status: normal (a1), fast normal (a2) or noch zugelassen (a3)
7. The dog must pass an impartiality test and show indifference to gun-shot
8. The dog will be required to gait off-lead
9. It would be desirable to have a progeny
10. The requirements will apply for Working Class female with the exception of Progeny Group
11. The title of Irish Sieger or Irish Siegerin can only be awarded from Class 6

Highest rating available Vorzüglich Auslesse – Excellent Select

For the Sieger/in Title, VA and V ratings only dogs which have a current **Körung** are eligible.

A TSB grade of ‘present,’ under the conditions set out in the TSB Test under the licensed SV/WUSV judge, will be ineligible for VA rating however, can be V rated, although if this rating is awarded, will be placed at end of the V rating group. \*\*In addition VA (IRL); TSB grade “pronounced” under the conditions set out in the TSB Test under the licensed SV/WUSV judge, HD/ED status of Normal (a1) or fast normal (a2), a minimum IGP2 working qualification and the required health, breeding and working status of both parents\*\*

**The conferring of ‘V’ or ‘VA’ (IRL) on a dog that has met these requirements is solely dependent on the decision of the officiating judge. There are no grounds for appeal.**



## **GSA/WUSV UNIVERSAL STANDARD COURAGE TEST APPLICABLE TO ALL DOGS ENTERED IN CLASSES 6M, 6F and LONG COAT– WORKING CLASS**

In compliance with WUSV regulations pertaining to the awarding of the distinctive 'Excellent Select' (VA) / Excellent (V) title offered under controlled circumstances the following tests will be required of adult dogs and bitches over twenty four months of age and entered in the working classes, as outlined below:

### **Phase A:**

Before entering the test area the dog's identification is verified.

1. The dog and handler will proceed to the marked starting point with the lead still attached to the dog.
2. The dog is placed in the basic position (sitting), the lead is removed and the handler and dog walk towards the area where the helper is hiding. As they approach the hiding place, upon a signal from the judge the helper comes out and moves towards the handler in a threatening manner with stick raised. The dog is required to grip the helper's arm, at which stage the helper will strike the dog twice. Once the helper stops his resistance the dog should release automatically or alternatively release the grip when given a command by the handler. Upon releasing, the dog is required to stay close to the helper and remain in guarding mode. In all instances the handler is only allowed to give three single 'out' commands.
3. The handler takes his dog and leads him to the new starting point for the commencement of the next exercise.

### **Phase B:**

1. The dog and handler takes up the basic position (sitting) at the marked location. The dog must be under effective control in this basic position. The handler may hold the dog by the collar and yell a command "come out" – or something similar. In response the helper leaves his hiding place and walks parallel to the handler and dog.
2. When the helper reaches the centre of the field, the handler yells "stop there" and the helper reacts by running towards the handler and dog in a threatening way.
3. On a signal from the judge the handler will let go of his dog and the dog must run towards and stop the helper by gripping the protected arm. Just as in the previous exercise, the dog may release automatically at the cessation of the conflict or may be given a command to 'out'. The dog is required to stay close to the helper in guarding mode. The handler will then approach the dog, attach the lead and in an orderly fashion return with the dog to the reporting area to await the judge's comments. As in the previous test (A) when a verbal command is used to affect a release by the dog – only three single commands are permitted.

### **PROVISIONS FOR THE HELPER TO ASSIST THE JUDGE:**

The helper assigned to assist the judge during the courage test evaluations must be a licensed GSA helper or from a WUSV recognised Organisation with trial assistant experience and have an understanding of the testing and selection regulations. The work must be carried out in strict accordance with the testing regulations as contained in the SV/WUSV Breed Survey. The helper must at all times work under the direction of the officiating judge and may not, save by implicit instruction from the judge, carry out any action not prescribed/permitted in the regulations. This means that in instances when a dog fails to let go, runs away or otherwise exhibits negative responses the helper's reactions are dictated by the judge. This also applies to rewarding failing dogs with a sleeve win.

The helper is required to use appropriate and properly fitting protection wear – this is specified as regulation scratch overalls and a matching jacket with an opposite protected sleeve. The padded arm for the test must be of a reasonably good quality with the jute cover having previously been broken-in. There must be no loose fabric or damaged areas which could cause the dogs teeth to snag. The padded stick must be of a flexible type (regulation). The equipment of the helper is finished-off with suitable training shoes with studs or grips so as to ensure steadiness in all phases.

### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

The details provided above are explicitly intended to apply only to the courage test as per the international guidelines. To establish eligibility to submit a dog for consideration for a VA title and as a precursor to being allowed to take part in these working tests. Exhibitors intending showing dogs in the Irish Sieger Breed show, for example, are strongly advised to familiarise themselves with the regulations. Further explanations and clarifications for this testing procedure can be obtained from any GSA working judge or training warden. This test should not be confused with IGP.

# EXPLANATION OF THE COURAGE TEST RESULTS

## TSB

Triebveranlung, Selbstsicherheit und Belastbarkeit = drive, self-confidence, and ability to handle stress. Courage test ratings are "**Pronounced**," "**Present**" or "**Insufficient**."

**Pronounced** (Ausgeprägt); the dog exhibits self-assurance, convincing, goal-driven gripping and holding, no negative reaction to stick hits, and close watchfulness in the guarding phase.

**Present** (Vorhanden); the dog exhibited limitations, for example, in self-assurance, in committing to the goal, in gripping and taking hits, as well as in the guarding phase.

**Insufficient** (Nicht genügend); the dog exhibited little or no self-assurance, strong limitation of ability to withstand duress/pressure, and disinterest in (or avoidance of) the Helper.

**T1** Dogs which do not release the grip after three commands shall be considered to be effectively out of control and will be dismissed as is demonstrating a failure of obedience. Biting the helper anywhere other than the protective sleeve will be deemed to be out of control and disqualified.

**T2** Dogs which receive a courage rating of 'Present' are not eligible to receive VA rating

**T3** Dogs not demonstrated to be sufficient which exhibit poor nerve condition, show obvious fear or who avoid contact with the helper in the protection examination, or who explicitly let go and run away (avoidance) on the stick test shall be disqualified.

**T4** The dog is removed from further participation due to lack of obedience or control (the dog failed all three allowed attempts to heal to the blind).

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We invite all German Shepherd owners and clubs to become part of this great occasion and to play a part in promoting progressive and positive breed events. There are several categories of sponsorship which you may wish to support including:

## **SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES:**

Each trophy / award will be inscribed with details of the event, the class, the Judge and the Sponsor.

### **1. CLASS SPONSORSHIP at £30/euro per Class**

This sponsorship will provide all trophies for the winner's line-up in the chosen Class. The Sponsor may nominate the class(es) they wish to support and will receive a single banner advert in the Show catalogue, as per the example below.



### **2. IRISH SIEGER & SIEGERIN TROPHIES / WORKING CLASS at 70 euro**

As befits the significance of the top titles of the day these trophies will be the most elaborate on display at the Show.

### **3. PROGENY GROUP at 50 euro and KENNEL GROUP at 50 euro**

This sponsorship as per all others will be detailed in the show catalogue.

We are aware that some members or supporters may wish to provide sponsorship but do not want public acknowledgement – we welcome such support and respect the Sponsor's wishes

