



Glossary of German Shepherd Terms

This guide provides abbreviations, definitions, and terminology commonly encountered in the German Shepherd Dog community. We aim to assist you in decoding German pedigrees and understanding the specific language used for German Shepherds. If you're searching for a term not covered here, please feel free to ask for further help.

A

AD: Ausdauerprüfung (Ger.) - an endurance test performed by gaiting approximately six to ten miles per hour for about 12 miles with a ten-minute rest halfway and a simple obedience test at the end. AD is a prerequisite for a Korung evaluation.

AKC: American Kennel Club.

AWDF: American Working Dog Federation - an organization founded in 1989 to strengthen the working breeds in the United States. The breeds represented include German Shepherd Dogs, Malinois, Boxers, American Bulldogs, Dobermans, Rottweilers, Bouviers, Schnauzers, and American Staffordshire Terriers.

B

BH: Begleithunde (Ger.) Prerequisite for Schutzhund. Consists of an obedience test and a traffic/temperament test.

BSP: Bundessiegerprüfung (Ger.) German National Working German Shepherd Dog Championship - a yearly Schutzhund competition.

BSZS: Bundessieger-Zuchtschau (Ger.) World Championship - a yearly international championship of the German Shepherd Dog held in Germany (Sieger Show).

C

CKC: Canadian Kennel Club.

D

DVG: Deutscher Verband der Gebrauchshundsportvereine (Ger.) DVG is the oldest and largest Schutzhund training organization in the world. Begun in 1903, DVG was Germany's first police and service dog club and has now grown to nearly 30,000 members.

E

E: Eigentomer (Ger.) = owner

F

FCI: Federation Cynologique Internationale (Fr.) - World canine organization.

FH: Fahrten Hund (Ger.) = Tracking Dog - Advanced tracking title

Fuhrer (Ger.): Handler

G

Gut (Ger.) : Good (Show or working rating)

Gebrauchshundklasse (GHKL): Working Dog Class - 2 years or older, with working title (the dog must have at least a SchH1 or comparable working title in order to be shown in working class. It is not necessary to have a Kkl to show in working class).

German Shepherd Dog (GSD): Deutsche Schäferhunde (Ger.)

H

Halter (Ger.) : holder

HGH: Herdengebahrungshund (Ger.) : Herding Dog

Hip Dysplasia (HD): A genetic disorder affecting the hip joints of dogs.

"a" 1: HD normal - the best hip rating possible from the SV

"a" 2: HD fast normal - near normal hips

"a" 3: HD noch zugelassen - hips are still acceptable for breeding

"a" - Ausland: HD certification was passed in another country rather than Germany.

I

IPO: International title, equivalent to Schutzhund. There are 3 levels: IPO I, IPO II, IPO III.

J

JHKL: Junghundklasse (Ger.) = Young Dog Class - age group 18-24 months.

JKL: Jugendklasse (Ger.) = Youth Class - age group 12-18 months.

K

Kkl: Korung class - Breed Survey class (Kkl1 or Kkl2). In order to be breed-surveyed a dog must have a SchH, HGH, or IPO title, approved hips, pass an AD, and have a show-rating of G or better.

Kkl1: Kkl1 - the dog is especially recommended for breeding.

Kkl2: Kkl2 - the dog is still suitable for breeding (variations from the breed standard in conformation, such as too small or too large, a missing tooth, structural or protection work fault, etc., can cause a dog to be Kkl2 rather than Kkl1).

L

lbz: Lebenszeit (Ger.) = for life - The result of a Breed Survey is for life (normally after the second Survey).

M

Mangelhaft (Ger.) - Faulty (Show or working rating).

Mutter (Ger.): Dam (Mother).

N

NP: Not Promising (awarded in Puppy Class).

O

OFA: Orthopedic Foundation for Animals - an organization in the US that researches HD and other health problems and certifies hips and elbows for animals.

P

P: Promising (awarded in Puppy Class).

PH: Polizei Hund (Ger.) = Police Dog.

Puppy Class: Age groups 4-6 months, 6-9 months, and 9-12 months.

R

Ruden (Ger.): Male dogs.

S

SAR: Search and rescue.

SchH: Schutzhund (Ger.) = Protection Dog. There are 3 levels: SchH I, SchH II, SchH III.

SG: Sehr Gut (Ger.) - Very Good. The highest possible show rating a dog can obtain in Youth Class or Young Dog Class.

SV: Verein für Deutsche Schäferhunde e. V. (Ger.) - Club for German Shepherd Dogs Inc.

T

TSB : Triebveranlung, Selbstsicherheit und Belastbarkeit (Ger.) = drive, self-confidence, and ability to handle stress - in a courage test. Ratings are “pronounced,” “sufficient” or “insufficient.”

T1, T2, T3 or T4

The dog is removed from farther participation in the Sieger show due to TSB failings. Each number indicates the reason for removal.

T1 : Is indicating that even though the dog has demonstrated “pronounced” TSB, the dog did not release on command during the courage test. (Did not “Out”).

T2 : TSB vorhanden (Ger.) TSB “sufficient” - not enough to continue on in the competition.

T3 : TSB nicht genuegend (Ger.) TSB “insufficient”

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

U

USA = USCA: United Schutzhund Clubs of America. USA is dedicated to protecting & preserving the German Shepherd Dog’s working heritage through Schutzhund training.

V

VA: Vorzuglich Auslese (Ger.) = Excellent Select - Show rating only awarded at the Sieger show in working class.

V: Vorzuglich (Ger.) - Excellent - Show rating awarded in working class only.

Vater (Ger.): Sire (Father).

VP: Very Promising (the highest rating awarded in Puppy Classes).

W

WT: Wurftag (Ger.) = date of birth.

WUSV: World Union of German Shepherd Dog Clubs

Z

ZW: Zuchtwert (Ger.) An estimated Breed Value.

ZB: Zuchtbewertung (Ger.) = show rating.

Zuchter (Ger.): Breeder.



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