

German Shepherd Dog Federation
of South Africa



National Breed Show 2026



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25 - 27 April 2026

Note

the Dates: Practice Bite work on Friday 24th April 2026. Protection work, breed/progeny classes and kennel groups on Saturday 25th to Monday the 27th of April 2026 (to make use of the public holiday).

Times: Refer to Programme that will be issued after 1st entries close i.e., 30th March 2026.

Venue: Kyalami Equestrian Park, 1 Dahlia Road, Kyalami, 1685, Midrand, Gauteng
There is always a possibility of rain during late April, and we encourage you to come prepared in the case of wet weather.

Judge: Herr Dirk Gabriel (SV) - Males
Herr Bernd Weber (SV) - Bitches

Judge's Advisor: Mr Chris Thompson.

Enquiries: The Show Secretary: Lorette van der Merwe
Email: events@g sdfederation.co.za
Tel: 071 861 9910 (Monday to Friday: 09h00 – 16h00)

Entries: Via website: www.g sdfederation.co.za/nbsentry
Per e-mail: events@g sdfederation.co.za

Only official entry forms sent via the correct channels, will be accepted. All entries will be placed on the GSD Federation Website from 16th March 2026 onwards. Please check whether the Federation has received your entry and that all details are correct. **No queries will be handled during the show. Only members in good standing will be allowed to enter.**

Entries close: 30th March 2026 Late entries will be accepted until 6th April 2026 at a 50% surcharge. **No entries will be accepted after the final closing date. Please ensure that your entries are in on time**

Entry fees: R275,00 per dog for first 4 dogs, R65,00 for additional dogs owned by the same owner(s)

Transfer of ownership will not be processed after 30th March 2026.

Non-Federation entries: R550.00 per dog (no rebates or discounts apply). Acceptance of entries subject to exhibitors agreeing to all rules and regulations as per Schedule IV of the Constitution.

All fees must be paid at the time when you submit your entry(s). **NO PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON THE DAY OF THE SHOW.** Proof of payment must be emailed to finance@g sdfederation.co.za.

Banking details: Nedbank, Quagga Mall, Pretoria
Current Account no: 1651 299 382
Branch Code: 165 145
Reference: Please reference with "NBS ENTRY" and your Membership Number

PLEASE NOTE:

To enter the Working Classes, dogs and bitches MUST have at least a BH-VT qualification. Entries that do not comply with these requirements will be automatically moved to the Open Classes. All dogs born as from 1 January 2023 must additionally have an ED Passed grading to be awarded a V grading in the Open Classes and V(NBS) or VA(SA) grading in the Working Classes.

Classes:

Stock Hair classes:

- Class 1 - Bitches 6 to 9 months
- Class 2 - Dogs 6 to 9 months
- Class 3 - Bitches 9 to 12 months
- Class 4 - Dogs 9 to 12 months
- Class 5 - Bitches 12 to 18 months
- Class 6 - Dogs 12 to 18 months
- Class 7 - Bitches 18 to 24 months
- Class 8 - Dogs 18 to 24 months
- Class 9 - Open Bitches 24 months and older (without Protection Work)
- Class 10 - Open Males 24 months and older (without Protection Work)
- Class 31 - Working Class Bitches 24 months and older (with Protection Work)
- Class 32 - Working Class Males 24 months and older (with Protection Work)

Long Stock Hair with undercoat classes:

- Class 11 - Bitches 6 to 9 months
- Class 12 - Dogs 6 to 9 months
- Class 13 - Bitches 9 to 12 months
- Class 14 - Dogs 9 to 12 months
- Class 15 - Bitches 12 to 18 months
- Class 16 - Dogs 12 to 18 months
- Class 17 - Bitches 18 to 24 months
- Class 18 - Dogs 18 to 24 months
- Class 19 - Open Bitches 24 months and older (without Protection Work)
- Class 20 - Open Males 24 months and older (without Protection Work)
- Class 33 - Working Class Bitches 24 months and older (with Protection Work)
- Class 34 - Working Class Males 24 months and older (with Protection Work)

Documents: Classes 9, 10, 19, 20, 31, 32, 33 & 34: Pedigree, Breed Survey certificate and proof of HD/ED status and Training qualifications where applicable. If the Breed Survey certificate is unavailable, see Show Ordinance rule 6.7.2 "In the event of dogs not yet Breed Surveyed, the Judge may, at his/her discretion, check any or all relevant points."

Dogs and bitches surveyed within one month prior to the NBS must present the receipt to prove their Breed Surveyed status.

If possible, please certify the teeth of dogs over the age of 12 months, before the show.

All dogs presented must be fully vaccinated and their vaccination certificate must be on hand in the event that it is requested by an authorised official.

Catalogue:

R220.00 each if ordered and paid for with entries in advance. No catalogues will be available for sale at the show, but a QR link will be set up to download from Friday 24th April 2026.

Helpers:	Males:	Bitches:
	Geoffrey Braysher (Gauteng South)	Keagan Blackburn (Western Cape)
	Nivash Dukran (Western Cape)	Geoffrey Braysher (Gauteng South)
	Logan Holmes (Eastern Cape)	Nivash Dukran (Western Cape)
	Darryl Twiggs (KwaZulu-Natal)	Logan Holmes (Eastern Cape)
		Bruce Schroeder (Gauteng North)
		Richard Thompson (Gauteng North)
		Darryl Twiggs (KwaZulu-Natal)
		Nick van Loggerenberg (Gauteng South)

Protection work: Timeslot options for both Male and Bitch Working class courage test may be booked online through the NBS website link. The booking schedule will be made available after the late entry closing date of 6th April 2026. Online booking will however be subject to a closing date posted on the website beyond which a timeslot will be allocated by the organisers.

Advertising: Limited advertising space is available in the catalogue.

Advertisements must reach the office no later than 6th April 2026.

Advertising costs:	Full page	R 950.00
	Half page	R 530.00

Note: All Advertisements must be supplied in electronic format via e-mail (Word, JPEG or PDF). No pre-printed adverts can be accepted.

Advertising space at the show grounds must be pre-booked in advance, no product stands/gazebos will be allowed if not pre-booked.

Contact person: Dianne Saayman, diannesaayman@gmail.com, 083 275 5553

Prize giving: **Puppy classes:** Trophies will be handed out after completion of class 4.
All other classes: Monday 27th April, after completion of the last class.
 Trophies will be awarded in accordance with the Show Ordinance (6.1). Additionally, trophies will be awarded to the first three places in the Kennel groups and dogs exhibiting exceptional protection work on the day (at the discretion of the Judges).

Functions: Awards evening will be hosted by Phoenix Club. A separate schedule will be made available on the website for bookings in this regard.

Parade: Before Prize giving – make sure to bring your club flags/banners!

Accommodation: See under Accommodations via link www.gsdfederation.co.za/nbs

Stables: The venue has a horse stabling complex adjacent to the arena. Numerous stables (approx..3mx3m) are available to competitors during the day if they wish to house their dogs in a shaded area with more room than a dog trailer. The price per stable per day is R150. A separate booking schedule in this regard will be made available on the NBS website link.

Additional administrative information

1. Surveys within 4 weeks of the NBS may not be processed in time for publishing in the catalogue – please ensure that the blue receipt handed out at the Breed Survey is available
2. Withdrawals must be reported to the Administration at least 15 minutes before commencement of individual assessments of each class
3. Changing of classes with protection work to classes without protection work must be reported to the Administration immediately after bite work

Rules & Regulations

All exhibitors are expected to be familiar with all the Federation's Constitution, Rules and Regulations. Of particular importance for this show is the Show Ordinance and where applicable the Breed Ordinance, which is available on the official website. The following are especially important extracts from the Show Ordinance:

1. Courage Test:

- a) Bitches may be presented for the courage test in any order and may nominate a helper.
- b) The protection-work manager must ensure that dogs in all classes are divided into groups of 4 dogs as far as is possible.
- c) Official Helpers in the Male Protection Work Class may handle a maximum of three dogs in each group in that class, provided no disruptions in the proceedings occur as a result thereof.

2. Male dogs:

- a) Dogs to be handled by official helpers and the order in which they will be presented must be declared to the Administration between 12h00 and 16h00 on the day before the courage test.
- b) The order of the helpers will be drawn immediately before the courage test.
- c) If the draw leads to a situation where a dog will bite on a family member or a person who has a personal bond with the dog, the owner or handler may approach the Show Protection-work Manager who may change the order and will slot the dog in at the end of the next group.

After the draw, the Protection Work Manager will slot dogs to be handled by official helpers into the schedule as follows:

- i. Starting with the dogs of the helpers in the order that each helper was drawn, each dog, in the order in which it was declared by the Helper concerned the day before, will be slotted in at the end of each of the next groups immediately following the group for which the helper was drawn with the following provisos:
- ii. that should a following group immediately precede the next group to be worked by the helper concerned; the dog will be slotted in at the end of the first earlier group that does not immediately precede a group the helper will be working.
- iii. Should there not be sufficient groups available following the last group a helper has drawn to work, the dog will, starting at the beginning of the schedule, be slotted into the first available group not preceding a group the helper is working.
- iv. If rescheduling results in groups larger than six dogs, the dog concerned will be slotted in at the end of the next available group numbering five or less dogs that does not immediately precede a group the helper will be working.
- v. Only if it is impossible to slot a dog in as above, will a dog be allowed to work at the end of the protection work.
- vi. The onus is on the Helper to ensure that he has enough assistance with his dogs to ensure smooth running of the system and dogs presented outside the determined order due to the fault of the Helper, will be disqualified.
- vii. No Helper will have any recourse against the Organisation should a dog handled by him fail for any reason whatsoever.
- viii. The organisers will keep a test dog available to be used in the event of the courage test process being halted for any reason in order to give every dog the same chance, namely, to be able to see a dog biting before being presented for its courage test.

3. Critiques:

Verbal critiques at the National Show will be limited to an overall impression of the class and to the first few dogs as per the discretion of the judge. Written critiques on all dogs will be published by the Federation on the Federation's website.

4. Kennel Groups

- a) Short Stock Hair dogs may not be shown in the same Kennel Group as Long Stock Hair dogs.
- b) A minimum of three and a maximum of five dogs and/or bitches with the same Kennel Name and coat type may be entered per group.
- c) Before subsequent Kennel Groups of a specific coat type may be entered, previous groups of the same coat type must comprise of 5 dogs and/or bitches.
- d) All Kennel Groups are to be judged together irrespective of coat type.

5. Progeny Groups (groups are presented for exhibition purposes only)

- a) The class must take place before the running of the Working Dog classes.
- b) The administrator must inform each owner of a stud dog of which more than 6 progeny had been entered. The owner must then confirm within three days of having been informed thereto whether the group will be presented or not. Once confirmed, and with the exception specified in terms of paragraphs 5.3.4 and 5.3.5 below, it is compulsory that the group participates. If the group is withdrawn without good reason, the sire may be barred from further participation in the open class.
- c) The owner of the sire has an obligation to ensure that as many of the dog's progeny as is possible are presented for the class. If less than six (6) progeny are present, the group will not be allowed to be presented.
- d) Dogs with less than six (6) progeny over the age of 12 months, but six or more progeny entered in the show, may withdraw provided that the show manager is informed thereof at least one hour before the scheduled start of the class.
- e) The show-holding organization must include all sires of which six or more progeny has been entered, and of which the group has been confirmed as entries in the catalogue. If a sire so entered was not entered as an individual dog and does not participate in the open class, no entry fee shall be payable.
- f) All the progeny of an eligible sire presented at a show which are over 12 months of age must be present for the running of the class. Participation of puppies under the age of twelve months is voluntary, their entry decided upon by the owner of the sire.
- g) Progeny entered, but not presented, in the show may not be included in the group.
- h) The handlers of all dogs exhibited in a progeny group are obliged to wear the official catalogue number of those dogs they are handling.
- i) Once presented in a group, a dog may only be withdrawn from classes that may be held after the group class upon presentation of a valid veterinary certificate or with the permission of the Show Manager.

6. Open Classes without Protection Work

- a) Bitches entered in Classes 9 or 19 may not enter in Classes 31 or 33 and males entered in Class 10 or 20 may not enter in Class 32 or 34.
- b) Dogs and bitches entered in these classes will not do protection work at the show.
- c) The highest grading that will be awarded for these classes will be the V grading.
- d) Dogs and bitches entered in these classes are subject to all the requirements for entry into the progeny groups.
- e) Where dogs and bitches entered in these classes are presented in a Kennel Group, they will receive the same weighting as dogs from the younger classes.
- f) The Judges Directives pertaining to Local shows will apply in these classes where applicable.
- g) Dogs and bitches over the age of two that are not classified "Courage Pronounced" in the protection work, have the option to transfer to the Open Classes without protection work provided the option is exercised and the Show Administration has been notified within 2 hours of the completion of the protection work.

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