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Preamble

The reputation of our Association is significantly affected by the appearance, actions and behaviour of every single Office Holder/Judge. Inappropriate behaviour on the part of just one Office Holder/Judge and even on the part of a single member can cause significant damage to the Association.

For this reason, every member, and in particular, the Office Holders/Judges are required to consider the Association's reputation and in the event of a violation by third parties, to inform them of the consequences or report them. This principle must guide the performance of tasks in all respects.

Office Holders/Judges must respect the personal dignity, privacy and personality rights of every individual.

In dealings with women and men of different nationality, culture, religion, skin colour and/or social situation, no discrimination, sexual or other form of personal harassment or offence is tolerated.

Office Holders/Judges are bound to openness and honesty and must acknowledge their responsibility.

Gifts, except for those of negligible value (up to €30.00) or any advantage related to the exercise of the office of a Judge must be rejected or not accepted.

No member of the Association may use his or her position to demand, accept, create or accept guarantees of advantages.

These principles apply to both internal communication and behaviour with respect to individuals, friends and partners outside of the Association.

I. General

1. Foundations

To fulfil the Association objectives described in § 3 (2) (j) of the Statutes of the Main Association, SV issues the following 'Judging Regulations'. They have the same effect as the Statutes.

2. SV appoints

- a) Breeding Judges
- b) Performance Judges for each discipline
- c) Breed Survey Inspector

II. Right of nomination, requirements, training and appointment principles

1. Right of nomination

The following persons are entitled to be nominated for a career as an SV Judge:

- a) the Board members of the Federal Groups,
- b) the members of the SV Board,
- c) the members of the relevant Expert Committees,
- d) the Local Group board members,

2. Requirements, training and appointment principles

2.1. Breeding Judges

2.1.1. Applicants for a career as a Breeding Judge must

- be at least 30 years of age and may not be older than 55. years of age,
- provide evidence of having been an SV member for at least 5 years,
- have been an active breeder and exhibitor and provide evidence of the following minimum requirements:
 - a) 10 litters in the name of his or her own kennel,
 - b) 10 selected animals from a kennel bred by the applicant from at least 5 different litters,
 - c) successful participation in the Association's breeding events,
 - d) responsible activity in the Local Groups or Federal Groups,
 - e) the applicant must have trained three dogs him- or herself and led them successfully to the IGP test,
 - f) successful participation in an SV judging seminar - divided into a foundation seminar, main seminar and aptitude test. Admission to the aptitude test may only be granted if all formal requirements according to point 2.1.1.a) - e) are met.

2.1.2. The application documents must be submitted to the Federal Group in charge, which will confirm their receipt to the applicant in writing, with a copy sent to Headquarters. Examination of the requirements according to 2.1.1. is the responsibility of Headquarters. The Federal Group Board decides on whether the suggested applicant possesses the personal and professional qualifications and can be suggested to the Main Association for admittance as a Judging Candidate. This Federal Group recommendation is a prerequisite for admission as a Judging Candidate.

2.1.3. Once the requirements (2.1.1. and 2.1.2.) are met, the SV Board decides on admission to the aptitude exercise, which must be carried out under the President of SV or the Association Breeding Inspector or a commissioned member of the Breeding Committee. The aptitude exercise may also be carried out in connection with the aptitude test.

2.1.4. After the aptitude exercise has been passed, the SV Board decides on admission as a Judging Candidate for Breeding Evaluation.

2.1.5. Successful admission is published in the SV Magazine. The admission may be appealed against within a period of two weeks. The appeal must be justified in writing.

2.1.6. After admission as a Judging Candidate for Breeding Evaluation, the Judging Candidate must complete at least five candidate exercises and evaluate at least 150 dogs. The President of SV and/or the Association Breeding Inspector appoint the Breeding Judges who will inspect the exercises.

The Judging Candidate must apply for the intended exercise at HQ, naming the date and place of the desired event. Approval may exclusively be granted by HQ which must inform the head of the show and the officiating Judge by sending them the entire Judging Candidate file on candidate activities.

2.1.7. After completion of the exercise, the Candidate must send a written report on the event to the officiating Judge within a period of 14 days. The report must contain a detailed description of all dogs presented to the trained Breeding Judge and the usual formal reporting information (guideline: Reports, National Champions' Breeding Show).

2.1.8. A subsequent exercise may only be approved if the evaluation report of the previous exercise is received by HQ well enough in advance for

it to be received by the officiating Judge with reasonable notice, at the latest 3 days before the exercise.

2.1.9. Repeating a failed exercise is only permitted once in the entire course of training. The Breeding Judge in charge is appointed by the President of SV and/or the Association Breeding Inspector.

2.1.10. After passing the five candidate exercises, the Candidate must complete the final exercise.

The final exercise may only be carried out under the President of SV, the Association Breeding Inspector or with a Breeding Judge appointed by the latter.

2.1.11. The entire training period including the final exercise must be completed within three years at the latest.

2.1.12. Once the final exercise has been passed, the Candidate is appointed as an SV Breeding Judge by the President of SV after consultation with the Association Breeding Inspector for a probational period of three years. The appointment must be published in the SV Magazine. The Breeding Judge receives a Judge ID from SV HQ and is included in the SV Judge List.

2.1.13. After three years, the final appointment as a Breeding Judge may be made. The decision on this matter is made by the President of SV after consultation with the Federal Group and the Association Breeding Inspector.

As of 01/01/2010, Breeding Judge appointments are made for a period of four years. They automatically end after this period and may be extended.

An extension may generally be granted if none of the items listed under section IV of these Judging Regulations have been violated.

The extension is granted by the SV Board, after consultation with the responsible Department Head and the Board of the responsible Federal Group.

2.1.14. Assignments outside of the country are only permitted after final appointment.

In accordance with the VDH Judging Regulations, VDH will include the Breeding Judge in the list of 'Special Breeding Judges for the breed 'German Shepherd' and issue a VDH Judge ID. This entitles the Breeding Judge to judge at VDH events (exhibitions of all breeds).

In this respect, he or she is also subject to the VDH Judging Regulations.

2.2. Performance Judges - IGP

2.2.1. Applicants for a career as an IGP Performance Judge must

- be at least 30 years of age and may not be older than 55 years of age.
- provide evidence of having been an SV member for at least 5 years,
- have been an active trainer and test participant and provide evidence of the following minimum requirements:
 - a) successful training and presentation of two different dogs (at least one of them being a German Shepherd) at the test levels BH, IGP1 to IGP3 (only dogs trained by the applicant count)
 - b) one of these dogs must have been trained by the applicant to the test level FH and presented successfully,
 - c) successful participation in at least one LGA test or the 7-Country Competition, the FCI SV Federal Qualifications, the German Youth and Junior Championship (test level IGP 3) with a dog trained by the applicant,
 - d) the applicant should have been active in training in the Local Group of Federal Group,
 - e) similar activities performed by the Performance Judge applicant in the area of service dogs are considered but alone do not meet the requirements. Active participation in SV association life must be demonstrated,
 - f) successful participation in an SV judging seminar - divided into a foundation seminar, main seminar and aptitude test. Admission to the foundation seminar may only be granted if all formal requirements according to point 2.2.1.a) - e) are met. The theoretical and practical test as a Young Dog Evaluator is part of the aptitude test.

Before registering for the foundation seminar, all candidates must be trained by the Local Group and demonstrate evidence of 12 tested guard dogs in at least 3 training exercises for 3 different judges. As is the case for candidacy, this must be documented in writing.

2.2.2. The application documents must be submitted to the Federal Group in charge, which will confirm their receipt to the applicant in writing, with a copy sent to Headquarters. Examination of the requirements according to 2.2.1. is the responsibility of Headquarters. The Federal Group Board decides on whether the suggested applicant possesses the personal and professional qualifications and can be suggested to the Main Association for admittance as a Judging Candidate. This Federal Group recommendation is a prerequisite for admission as a Judging Candidate.

2.2.3. Once the requirements (2.2.1. And 2.2.2.) are met, the SV Board decides on admission to perform the aptitude exercise. The aptitude exercise must be carried out under the Association Training Inspector or a member of the Training Committee appointed by him or her. The aptitude exercise may also be carried out in connection with the aptitude test.

2.2.4. After the aptitude exercise has been passed, the SV Board decides on admission as a Judging Candidate for IGP Performance Evaluation.

2.2.5. Admission as a Judging Candidate for IGP Performance Evaluation is published in the SV Magazine. The admission may be appealed against within a period of two weeks. The appeal must be justified in writing.

2.2.6. After admission as a Judging Candidate for IGP Performance Evaluation, the Judging Candidate must complete at least five candidate exercises with at least 30 dogs in IGP. For the inspection of the five exercises, the Association Training Inspector determines the five Performance Judges who will inspect these exercises, with the consent of the relevant Federal Group Training Inspector.

The Judging Candidate must apply for the intended completion of an exercise at HQ, naming the date and place of the desired event. Approval to complete the exercise may only be granted by HQ which must notify the relevant head of testing and the officiating Performance Judge by sending them the entire Judging Candidate file on candidate activities.

2.2.7. After completion of the exercise, the Candidate must send a written report on the event to the officiating Judge within a period of 14 days. The report must contain a detailed description of all dogs presented at the event and the usual formal reporting information (guideline: Reports, National Champions' Test).

2.2.8. A subsequent exercise may only be approved if the evaluation report of the previous exercise is received by HQ well enough in advance for it to be received by the officiating Performance Judge with reasonable notice, at the latest 3 days before the exercise.

2.2.9. Repeating a failed exercise is only permitted once in the entire course of training. The Performance Judge in charge is appointed by the President of SV and/or the Association Training Inspector.

2.2.10. After passing the five candidate exercises, the Candidate must complete the final exercise.

The final exercise may exclusively be carried out with the Association Training Inspector or with a Performance Judge appointed by him or her.

2.2.11. The training period until completion of the final exercise must be completed within 3 years at the latest.

2.2.12. Once the final exercise has been passed, the Candidate is appointed as an SV Performance Judge by the President of SV after consultation with the Association Training Inspector for a probational period of three years. The appointment must be published in the SV Magazine. The Performance Judge receives a Judge ID from SV HQ and is included in the SV Judge List.

2.2.13. After three years, the final appointment as a Performance Judge may be made. The decision on this matter is made by the President of SV after consultation with the Federal Group and the Association Training Inspector.

As of 01/01/2010, Performance Judge appointments are made for a period of four years. They automatically end after this period and may be extended.

An extension may generally be granted if none of the items listed under section IV of these Judging Regulations have been violated.

The extension is granted by the SV Board, after consultation with the responsible Department Head and the Board of the responsible Federal Group.

2.2.14. Assignments outside of the country are only permitted after final appointment.

2.3. Performance Judges - Herding Working Dogs

2.3.1. Applicants for a career as a Herding Working Dog Performance Judge must

- be at least 30 years of age and may not be older than 55 years of age,
- demonstrate evidence of successful participation in an SV foundation judging seminar,
- provide evidence of having been an SV member for at least 5 years,
- experience with herding working dogs,
- have overall experience in herding and demonstrate evidence of having been a successful herder in SV performance herding.

2.3.2. The application documents must be submitted to the Federal Group in charge, which will confirm their receipt to the applicant in writing, with a copy sent to Headquarters. Examination of the requirements according to 2.3.1. is the responsibility of Headquarters. The Federal Group Board decides on whether the suggested applicant possesses the personal and professional qualifications and can be suggested to the Main Association for admittance as a Judging Candidate. This Federal Group recommendation is a prerequisite for admission as a Judging Candidate.

2.3.3. Once the requirements (2.3.1. And 2.3.2.) are met, the SV Board decides on admission to perform the aptitude exercise. The aptitude exercise must be carried out under the SV Representative for Herding Working Dogs or an SV Judge for Performance Herding appointed by him or her

2.3.4. After a positively evaluated aptitude exercise has been carried out, the SV Board decides on admission as a Judging Candidate for Performance Herding.

2.3.5. Admission as a Judging Candidate for Performance Herding is published in the SV Magazine.

The admission may be appealed against within a period of two weeks. The appeal must be justified in writing.

2.3.6. After admission as a Judging Candidate for Herding Working Dog Performance Evaluation, the Judging Candidate must complete five candidate exercises. For the inspection of

the five exercises, the Judging Candidate must propose seven Judges for Performance Herding. From this proposal list, the SV Representative for Herding Working Dogs must appoint five Judges for Performance Herding to inspect the exercises. The Representative for Herding Working Dogs is not bound to the proposal list. The Judging Candidate must apply for the intended completion of an exercise at HQ, naming the date and place of the desired event. Approval to complete the exercise may only be granted by HQ which must notify the relevant head of herding and the officiating Judge for Performance Herding by sending them the entire Judging Candidate file on candidate activities.

- 2.3.7. Applicants as SV Performance Judges for Herding Working Dogs that have already been appointed as expert judges by a Federal Sheep Breeders' Association must complete three equivalence exercises.

The applicant must apply for the intended completion of an exercise at HQ, naming the date and place of the desired event. Approval to complete the exercise may only be granted by HQ which must notify the relevant head of herding and the officiating Judge for Performance Herding by sending them the entire Judging Candidate file on candidate activities.

- 2.3.8. After completion of the exercise, the Candidate must send a written report on the event to the officiating Judge within a period of 14 days. The report must contain a detailed description of all dogs presented at the event and the usual formal reporting information (guideline: Reports, National Performance Herding).
- 2.3.9. Further exercises may only be approved if the evaluation report of the previous exercise is received by HQ well enough in advance for it to be received by the officiating Judge for Performance Herding at the latest by the Thursday before the subsequent exercise.
- 2.3.10. Repeating a failed exercise is only permitted once in the entire course of training. The Judge for Performance Herding in charge is appointed by the President of SV and/or the SV Representative for Herding Working Dogs.
- 2.3.11. After passing the five candidate exercises, the Candidate must complete the final exercise. The final exercise may exclusively be carried out with the SV Representative for Herding Working Dogs or with a Judge for Performance Herding appointed by him or her.

- 2.3.12. For expert judges from the Federal Sheep Breeders' Associations, the third equivalence exercise is equated with the final exercise.

- 2.3.13. Once the final exercise has been passed, the Candidate is appointed as an SV Performance Judge for Herding Working Dogs by the President of SV after consultation with the SV Representative for Herding Working Dogs for a probational period of three years. The appointment is subsequently published in the SV Magazine. The SV Performance Judge for Herding Working Dogs receives a Judge ID from HQ and is included in the SV Judge List.

As of 01/01/2010, SV Herding Working Dog Performance Judge appointments are made for a period of four years. They automatically end after this period and may be extended.

An extension may generally be granted if none of the items listed under section IV of these Judging Regulations have been violated.

The extension is granted by the SV Board, after consultation with the responsible Department Head and the Board of the responsible Federal Group.

2.4. Performance Judges - Agility

- 2.4.1. Applicants for a career as an Agility Performance Judge must
- be at least 25 years of age and may not be older than 55 years of age. For SV Judges, who, in addition to being a Breeding or IGP or Obedience Performance Judge, wish to become an Agility Judge, the age restriction does not apply
 - provide evidence of having been an SV member for at least 5 years,
 - have been an active trainer and agility test participant and provide evidence of the following minimum requirements:
 - a) participation in at least 20 agility tests/competitions within SV
 - b) completed training as an agility trainer and activity as an agility trainer
 - c) activity as a test or competition leader
 - d) successful training and presentation of at least three dogs in the BH/VT assistance dog test or IGP test and in agility levels A1 to A3. At least one dog must be a German Shepherd.

- e) successful participation in an SV judging seminar divided into a foundation seminar, main seminar and aptitude test. Admission to the aptitude test may only be granted if all formal requirements according to point 2.4.1.a) - e) are met.

The requirements, with the exception of d), may only be met using German Shepherds.

- 2.4.2. The application documents must be submitted to the Federal Group in charge, which will confirm their receipt to the applicant in writing, with a copy sent to Headquarters. Examination of the requirements according to 2.4.1. is the responsibility of Headquarters. The Federal Group Board decides on whether the suggested applicant possesses the personal and professional qualifications and can be suggested to the Main Association for admittance as a Judging Candidate. This Federal Group recommendation is a prerequisite for admission as a Judging Candidate.
- 2.4.3. Once the requirements (2.4.1. And 2.4.2.) are met, the SV Board decides on admission to a written and oral examination as a prerequisite to be admitted as a Candidate
- 2.4.4. After the examination has been passed the SV Board decides on admission of the applicant as a Judging Candidate for Agility Performance Evaluation.
- 2.4.5. Admission as a Judging Candidate for Agility Performance Evaluation is published in the SV Magazine. The admission may be appealed against within a period of two weeks. The appeal must be justified in writing.
- 2.4.6. After admission as a Judging Candidate for Agility Performance Evaluation, the Judging Candidate must complete at least eight candidate exercises under at least four different SV Agility Performance Judges in the different test levels and disciplines (agility, jumping, beginners and seniors). Moreover, the candidate must evaluate at least 4 assistance dog tests (BH-VT) with at least 20 teams under at least 2 different SV IGP Performance Judges.

The President of SV and/or the SV Sport Representative appoint the Judges who will inspect the exercises.

The Judging Candidate must apply for the intended exercise at HQ, naming the date and place of the desired event. Approval may exclusively be granted by HQ which must inform the head of the event and the officiating

Judge by sending them the entire Judging Candidate file on candidate activities.

- 2.4.7. After completion of each exercise, the Candidate must send a written report on the event to the officiating Judge within a period of 14 days. The report must contain a detailed description of all dogs presented to the trained Performance Judge - Agility (for BH/VT) or a detailed description of the entire testing process, course design etc., and the usual formal reporting information (guideline:
- 2.4.8. A subsequent exercise may only be approved if the evaluation report of the previous exercise is received by HQ well enough in advance for it to be received by the officiating Judge with reasonable notice, at the latest 3 days before the exercise.
- 2.4.9. Repeating a failed exercise is only permitted once in the entire course of training. The Agility Performance Judge in charge is appointed by the President of SV and/or the SV Sport Representative.
- 2.4.10. After passing the required exercises, the Judging Candidate must complete a final exercise with the SV Sport Representative at the end of his or her training.
- 2.4.11. The entire training period must be completed within two years at the latest.
- 2.4.12. After training has been successfully completed, the Candidate is appointed as an SV Agility Performance Judge by the President of SV after consultation with the SV Sport Representative for a probational period of three years. The appointment is subsequently published in the SV Magazine. The SV Agility Performance Judge receives a Judge ID from HQ and is included in the SV Judge List.

As of 01/01/2010, SV Agility Performance Judge appointments are made for a period of four years. They automatically end after this period and may be extended.

An extension may generally be granted if none of the items listed under section IV of these Judging Regulations have been violated.

The extension is granted by the SV Board, after consultation with the responsible Department Head and the Board of the responsible Federal Group.

2.5. Performance Judges - Obedience

2.5.1. Applicants for a career as an Obedience Performance Judge must

- be at least 25 years of age and may not be older than 55 years of age. For SV Judges, who, in addition to being a Breeding Judge or IGP or Agility Performance Judge, wish to become an Obedience Performance Judge, the age restriction does not apply.
- provide evidence of having been an SV member for at least 5 years,
- have been an active trainer and obedience test participant and provide evidence of the following minimum requirements:
 - a) training of at least three dogs in the BH/VT assistance dog test and at least one dog in obedience levels 1 to 3 with successful presentation in all test levels
 - b) successful participation in at least 20 obedience tests within VDH
 - c) completed training and activity as a sport/obedience exercise supervisor
 - d) activity as a ring steward at all levels over at least one year and employment as a competition supervisor in several tests
 - e) successful participation in an SV judging seminar divided into a foundation seminar, main seminar and aptitude test. Admission to the aptitude test may only be granted if all formal requirements according to point 2.5.1.a) - e) are met.

The requirements may only be met using German Shepherds.

2.5.2. The application documents must be submitted to the Federal Group in charge, which will confirm their receipt to the applicant in writing, with a copy sent to Headquarters. Examination of the requirements according to 2.5.1. is the responsibility of Headquarters. The Federal Group Board decides on whether the suggested applicant possesses the personal and professional qualifications and can be suggested to the Main Association for admittance as a Judging Candidate. This Federal Group recommendation is a prerequisite for admission as a Judging Candidate.

2.5.3. Once the requirements (2.5.1. And 2.5.2.) are met, the SV Board decides on admission to per-

form the aptitude exercise. The aptitude exercise must be carried out during the SV judging seminar.

2.5.4. After the aptitude exercise has been passed, the SV Board decides on admission as a Judging Candidate for Obedience Performance Evaluation.

2.5.5. Admission as a Judging Candidate for Obedience Performance Evaluation is published in the SV Magazine. The admission may be appealed against within a period of two weeks. The appeal must be justified in writing.

2.5.6. After admission as a Judging Candidate for Obedience Performance Evaluation, the Judging Candidate must evaluate eight candidate exercises with at least 50 dogs in the levels obedience 1 to 3 (national and international) under at least four VDH Obedience Performance Judges. Moreover, the candidate must evaluate at least 4 assistance dog tests (BH/VT) with at least 20 teams under at least two different SV IGP Performance Judges.

The President of SV and/or the SV Sport Representative appoint the Judges who will inspect the exercises.

The Judging Candidate must apply for the intended exercise at HQ, naming the date and place of the desired event. Approval may exclusively be granted by HQ which must inform the head of the event and the officiating Judge by sending them the entire Judging Candidate file on candidate activities.

2.5.7. After completion of the exercise, the Candidate must send a written report on the event to the officiating Judge within a period of 14 days. This report comprises the entire course of the test and the usual formal reporting information. The evaluations given by the Candidate in the individual areas must be justified in this report.

2.5.8. A subsequent exercise may only be approved if the evaluation report of the previous exercise is received by HQ well enough in advance for it to be received by the officiating Judge with reasonable notice, at the latest 3 days before the exercise.

2.5.9. Repeating a failed exercise is only permitted once in the entire course of training. The Obedience Performance Judge in charge is appointed by the President of SV and/or the SV Sport Representative.

2.5.10. After passing the required exercises, the Judging Candidate must complete a final exercise with the SV Sport Representative at the end of his or her training. At least one dog in each test class and BH/VT must be evaluated by the Judging Candidate.

2.5.11. The entire training period must be completed within two years at the latest.

2.5.12. After training has been successfully completed, the Candidate is appointed as an SV Obedience Performance Judge by the President of SV after consultation with the SV Sport Representative for a probational period of three years. The appointment is subsequently published in the SV Magazine. The SV Obedience Performance Judge receives a Judge ID from HQ and is included in the SV Judge List.

2.5.13. After three years, the final appointment as an SV Obedience Performance Judge may be made. The decision on this matter is made by the President of SV after consultation with the Federal Group and the SV Sport Representative.

As of 01/01/2010, SV Obedience Performance Judge appointments are made for a period of four years. They automatically end after this period and may be extended.

An extension may generally be granted if none of the items listed under section IV of these Judging Regulations have been violated.

The extension is granted by the SV Board, after consultation with the responsible Department Head and the Board of the responsible Federal Group.

2.6. Performance Judges - Rescue Dogs

2.6.1. Applicants for a career as a Rescue Dog Performance Judge must

- be at least 30 years of age and may not be older than 55 years of age. For SV Judges, who, in addition to being a Performance Judge, wish to become a Judge for Rescue Dogs, the age restriction does not apply.
- provide evidence of having been an SV member for at least 5 years,
- have been an active trainer and test participant and provide evidence of the following minimum requirements:

a) successful training and presentation of two different dogs in two areas of the RD2 Test, Level B (only dogs trained by the applicant according to national/international testing regulations count; at least one dog must be a German Shepherd),

b) participation in at least one supra-regional SV test (e.g. a German Championship),

c) evidence of a valid RD exercise supervisor's licence,

d) similar activities performed by the applicant in other rescue dog organisations are considered but alone do not meet the requirements. Active participation in SV association life must be demonstrated.

e) successful participation in an SV judging seminar divided into a foundation seminar, main seminar and aptitude test. Admission to the aptitude test may only be granted if all formal requirements according to point 2.6.1.a) - e) are met.

2.6.2. The application documents must be submitted to the Federal Group in charge, which will confirm their receipt to the applicant in writing, with a copy sent to Headquarters. Examination of the requirements according to 2.6.1. is the responsibility of Headquarters. The Federal Group Board decides on whether the suggested applicant possesses the personal and professional qualifications and can be suggested to the Main Association for admittance as a Judging Candidate. This Federal Group recommendation is a prerequisite for admission as a Judging Candidate.

2.6.3. Once the requirements (2.6.1. And 2.6.2.) are met, the SV Board decides on admission to perform the aptitude exercise. The aptitude exercise must be carried out under the Representative for Special Dog Training or a member of the RD2 Judge Corps appointed by him or her. The aptitude exercise may also be carried out in connection with the aptitude test.

2.6.4. After the aptitude exercise has been passed, the SV Board decides on admission as a Judging Candidate for Rescue Dog Performance Evaluation.

2.6.5. Admission as a Judging Candidate for Rescue Dog Performance Evaluation is published in the SV Magazine. The admission may be appealed against within a period of two weeks. The appeal must be justified in writing.

2.6.6. After admission as a Judging Candidate for Rescue Dog Performance Evaluation, the Judging Candidate must evaluate at least three candidate exercises with at least 5 dogs in RD1 and 15 dogs in RD2 in different areas. For the inspection of the three exercises, the SV Representative for Special Dog Training determines the three SV Rescue Dog Performance Judges who will inspect these exercises; on a case-to-case basis, these may include an IRO Judge.

The Judging Candidate must apply for the intended completion of an exercise at HQ, naming the date and place of the desired event. Approval may exclusively be granted by HQ which must inform the head of testing and the officiating RD2 Judge by sending them the entire Judging Candidate file on candidate activities.

2.6.7. After completion of the exercise, the Candidate must send a written report on the event to the officiating Judge within a period of 14 days. The report must contain a detailed description of all dogs presented at the event and the usual formal reporting information (guideline: Reports, National Champions' Test).

2.6.8. Between two candidate exercises, a waiting period of 6 weeks must be observed. A subsequent exercise may only be approved if the evaluation report of the previous exercise is received by HQ well enough in advance for it to be received by the officiating RD2 Judge with reasonable notice, at the latest 3 days before the exercise.

2.6.9. Repeating a failed exercise is only permitted once in the entire course of training. The Rescue Dog Performance Judge in charge is appointed by the President of SV and/or the SV Representative for Special Dog Training.

2.6.10. After passing the three candidate exercises, the Candidate must complete the final exercise. The final exercise may exclusively be carried out with the Representative for Special Dog Training or with an RD2 Judge appointed by him or her.

2.6.11. The training period until completion of the final exercise must be completed within three years at the latest.

2.6.12. Once the final exercise has been passed, the Candidate is appointed as an SV Performance Judge for Rescue Dogs by the President of SV after consultation with the Representative for Special Dog Training for a probational period

of three years. The appointment must be published in the SV Magazine. The SV Rescue Dog Performance Judge receives a Judge ID from SV HQ and is included in the SV Judge List.

2.6.13. After three years, the final appointment as an SV Performance Judge for Rescue Dog Tests may be made. The decision on this matter is made by the President of SV after consultation with the Federal Group and the SV Representative for Special Dog Training.

As of 01/01/2010, SV Rescue Dog Test Judge appointments are made for a period of four years. They automatically end after this period and may be extended.

An extension may generally be granted if none of the items listed under section IV of these Judging Regulations have been violated.

The extension is granted by the SV Board, after consultation with the responsible Department Head and the Board of the responsible Federal Group.

2.6.14. Assignments outside of the country are only permitted after final appointment.

2.7. Rally Obedience Judges (WR-RO)

(Judges are persons who carry out sporting evaluations according to the VDH Rally Obedience Test Regulations without awarding training titles. [May not conduct BH-VT tests.]

2.7.1. Applicants for a career as a Rally Obedience Judge must

- be at least 25 years of age and no older than 55 years of age. For SV judges who, in addition to being a Breeding Judge, IGP Performance Judge or Agility Performance Judge, also wish to become a Rally Obedience Judge, the age restriction does not apply.
- have been a member of SV for at least 5 years,
- The applicant must be a holder of a valid RO training instructor licence.
- Furthermore, they must be able to prove that they have been active as a training instructor (training supervisor/trainer in their local group) and that they have worked as a test instructor in at least 2 rally obedience tests.

- Applicant must have successfully participated in at least 10 rally obedience tournaments.
 - Applicant must have trained at least one dog in rally obedience themselves and have successfully competed in the corresponding tests (RO-B - RO-3).
- 2.7.2. The application documents must be submitted to the responsible federal group, which will confirm receipt to the applicant in writing, with a copy to the Head Office. The Head Office is responsible for checking the requirements according to section 2.7.1. The federal group's board shall decide whether the proposed applicant has the personal and professional qualifications and is to be recommended to the main association for admission as a candidate judge. This federal group recommendation is a prerequisite for admission.
- 2.7.3. Once the prerequisites (2.7.1. and 2.7.2.) have been met, the SV Board shall decide on admission to a written and oral examination, which shall be performed in conjunction with an introduction to the candidate's work.
- 2.7.4. After passing the test, the SV Board shall decide on the admission as a Candidate Judge for Rally Obedience.
- 2.7.5. Admission as a Candidate Judge for Rally Obedience will be published in the SV Magazine. Objections against the admission are possible within a period of two weeks. The objection must be justified in writing.
- 2.7.6. After admission as a Candidate Judge for Rally Obedience, the candidate judge must evaluate at least 160 dogs in the various performance classes in at least four candidate exercises under at least two different judges. The SV Sport Representative shall appoint the judges responsible for the evaluation of the exercises. The candidate judge shall apply to the Head Office for the intended exercise, indicating the place and date of the event desired. Approval shall be given exclusively by the Head Office, who shall inform the event management and the officiating judge about the candidate's activities by sending the entire candidate judge file.
- 2.7.7. After completion of each exercise, the candidate shall send a written report on the event to the officiating judge within 14 days. The report must contain a detailed description of the entire order of events of the test, the course design etc. as well as the usual formal information required for reporting.
- 2.7.8. A subsequent exercise can only be approved if the evaluation report on the previous one is received by the Head Office early enough to reach the officiating judge within a reasonable period of time, at the latest 3 days before the exercise.
- 2.7.9. The repetition of a failed exercise is only possible once in the entire training programme. The SV Sport Representative shall appoint the RO judge responsible for this.
- 2.7.10. After passing the prescribed exercises, the candidate judge shall perform a final exercise at the end of training with the SV Sport Representative or a judge appointed by them.
- 2.7.11. The entire training period must be completed within a maximum of two years.
- 2.7.12. After successful completion of training, the appointment as an SV Rally Obedience Judges shall be made for a period of four years by the President of SV after a hearing with the SV Sport Representative. The appointment shall end automatically after this period and may be extended. The RO Judge shall receive a judge ID from the Head Office and shall be included in the SV List of Judges.

As a rule, an extension shall take place if there are no violations against the points mentioned in Part IV of these Judging Regulations.

The extension shall be made by the SV Board after a hearing with the responsible head of department and the board of the responsible federal group, and after publication in the SV Magazine.

3. Judges outside of the country

3.1. General

As the founding association, Verein für Deutsche Schäferhunde (SV) e.V. is especially committed to the regulation, monitoring and promotion of the breeding and training of German Shepherds as working dogs.

The efforts to preserve, strengthen and consolidate the working dog characteristics of the

German Shepherd primarily rest, internationally, on two pillars:

1. In the area of breeding, on the correct implementation of the breed standard as stipulated by the mother country and filed with the Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI).
2. In the area of breeding, on the correct implementation of the international FCI regulations (IGP) and the corresponding training titles.

The joint, goal-oriented and uniform activity of the associated Judges is an essential factor in these efforts. With respect to securing both the performance and the anatomic quality of the individual animals inspected, the greatest harmonisation of evaluation possible must be strived for in order to guarantee the positive development of the German Shepherd breed internationally.

In the effort to achieve the harmonisation described above, interested and committed foreign judges from the WUSV may acquire the additional qualifications 'Breeding' and/or 'Performance'. These qualifications are awarded for a limited time and automatically terminates after four years, calculated from the time of inclusion in the Judge Registry. The additional qualifications may be extended upon request.

3.2. Minimum requirements

Applicants for each of the following careers must:

- be at least 25 years of age,
- submit a police check which may not be older than six months at the time of application,
- have been a member of his or her home association for at least five years and be a current member both there and at SV, (*
- have been an active breeder and/or test participant in the last five years, (*
- be an active judge in his or her home association. Recognition as a national FCI Judge is desirable. (*

*(*evidence must be provided in the form of an official confirmation of the association*

- Recognition of the disciplinary regulations / 4-year rule
- Individuals involved in pending disciplinary proceedings in their home association as well as dog and/or food retailers may not be proposed or appointed as applicants for a position as a national Special Breeding and/or Performance Judge. The same applies to individuals that are gainfully employed as cynological consultants and distributors. Judges may not engage in the abovementioned activities after their appointment.

3.3. National Special Judges for Breeding/Performance Evaluation

3.3.1. Right of nomination

The right to nominate individuals for the qualification of Special Breeding and/or Performance Judges is held by the home association (WUSV member association) to which the applicant belongs as well as by the WUSV Board.

3.3.2. Requirements

The minimum requirements according to 3.2. must be met.

If individuals already possess Judge status in an international, SV-/WUSV-recognised cynological association and wish to become Special Breeding and/or Performance Judges, the SV Board may, at the request of the home association, disregard the requirements subject to confirmation by the Main Association, if it can be assumed that this will not result in negative effects on the professional quality of the Judge.

The applicant must in all cases have successfully participated in a foundation seminar offered by WUSV and have passed an equivalence exercise under a Judge assigned by the SV Board.

3.3.3. Appointment

If after formal review by the WUSV offices, the applicant meets the requirements according to 3.2. and 3.3.2. and if the SV Board gives its consent, the applicant may be appointed by his or her home association as a national Special Breeding/Performance Judge.

Once appointed, the national Special Breeding/Performance Judge is entitled to judge events for and with German Shepherds in the jurisdiction of his or her home association. The

evaluations and/or training titles awarded here are recognised by the corresponding national WUSV member association.

The responsible member association may extend the duration of the appointment before its expiration. The minimum requirement for the extension is that the Judge in question has been active in his or her home country at least once per year.

The member association is not obligated to extend the appointment. If the appointment is extended, the duration of each extension is 4 years. There is no right to appeal these decisions.

3.4. International Special Judges for Breeding/Performance Evaluation

3.4.1. Right of nomination

The right to nominate individuals for the qualification of International Special Breeding and/or Performance Judges is held by the home association (WUSV member association) to which the applicant belongs as well as by the WUSV Board.

3.4.2. Requirements

The minimum requirements according to 3.2. must be met.

If individuals already possess Judge status in an international, SV-/WUSV-recognised cynological association and wish to become international Special Breeding and/or Performance Judges, the SV Board may, at the request of the home association, disregard the requirements subject to confirmation by the Main Association, if it can be assumed that this will not result in negative effects on the professional quality of the Judge. In all cases, three equivalence exercises must be completed. For these exercises, an experienced Judge will be assigned by the SV Board.

3.4.3. Appointment

If after formal review by the WUSV offices, the applicant meets the requirements according to 3.2. and 3.4.2. and if the SV Board gives its consent, the applicant may be appointed by his or her home association as an international Special Breeding/Performance Judge.

Once appointed, the international Special Breeding/Performance Judge is entitled to judge events for and with German Shepherds in the

jurisdiction of his or her home association. Moreover, the possibility exists, if the WUSV offices grant their approval, to judge events in other WUSV member associations as well (see 3.5. Tasks and duties). An exception to this is represented by events in the mother country of the breed. The evaluations and/or training titles awarded here are recognised by the corresponding national WUSV member association.

The responsible member association may extend the duration of the appointment before its expiration. The minimum requirement for the extension is that the Judge in question has been active in his or her home country in at least three events per year.

The member association is not obligated to extend the appointment. If the appointment is extended, the duration of each extension is 4 years. There is no right to appeal these decisions.

3.5. Tasks and duties

National or international Special Judges for Breeding/Performance Evaluation must always act correctly in accordance with the regulations of SV and WUSV. They are obliged to ensure that to the best of their knowledge and in good conscience, no grounds exist for an apprehension of bias.

They will be deemed to have acted in a highly unsportsmanlike manner if they improperly discuss or criticise the activity of another Judge in public. Such actions represent a gross violation of these Regulations.

They may not evaluate dogs

- owned or co-owned by them within the last two years,
- belonging to their spouses, children, parents or siblings
- or belonging to a person living within their household.

Moreover, Judges are prohibited from training and/or presenting dogs that they do not own or co-own. Judges must disclose all ownership or co-ownership of dogs to SV and/or WUSV upon request at any time.

Non-disclosure will, in all cases, lead to an immediate ban and a disciplinary proceeding according to Item 3.6. of the Judging Regulations.

Judges are active on a volunteer basis. As reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses, the event organiser must provide remuneration in the form of per diem, travel and accommodation expenses. Judges are not permitted to offer their services to an event organiser or to partly or completely forgo the compensation for expenses to which they are entitled.

Judges are obligated to comply with deadlines and to inform SV/WUSV of any deadlines. If the Judge is impeded, the WUSV offices and the event organiser must be informed in a timely manner.

International Special Judges must submit a report on judging activities outside of their home country to the offices of WUSV in the stipulated form. Every international Special Judge may not judge more than three times per year in a country outside of his or her home country (champions' shows/champions' tests do not belong to this contingent).

International Special Judges are obligated to participate in continued training. They must pass the continued training events offered by SV/WUSV for this purpose and demonstrate corresponding evidence.

3.6. Disciplinary regulations

To guarantee and maintain its external and internal order, SV/WUSV takes measures with respect to national or international Special Judges who are found guilty of acting in violation of the provisions of the Judging Regulations and the Statutes of WUSV.

3.6.1. Legal organs

The legal organ responsible for national/international Special Judges is the Disciplinary Senate. It is comprised of three individuals as well as two replacement individuals that are appointed by the SV/WUSV Board for a period of three years.

3.6.2. Responsibility

The Disciplinary Senate is responsible for all matters and activities concerning national/international Special Judges. The Disciplinary Senate generally meets on the request of the Senate members and must observe the rule of law.

If a member of the Disciplinary Senate is personally involved, the SV/WUSV Board must appoint a replacement member. The Disciplinary

Senate decides, depending on the matter at hand, whether a written or oral procedure is to take place. In the case of oral proceedings, minutes must be kept.

The decision of the Disciplinary Senate must be recorded, justified and sent to the party involved in writing.

The Disciplinary Senate determines deadlines for the performance and hearing, which must be complied with.

3.6.3. Disciplinary measures

The Disciplinary Senate decides at the beginning of the proceedings on a provisional abeyance of the office of the Judge for the duration of the proceedings. It may decide to impose the following disciplinary measures.

1. Warning
2. Retraining
3. Temporary abeyance of the office of the Judge
4. Withdrawal of the office of the Judge.

These measures may also be imposed concurrently.

3.6.4. Procedural costs

The costs for the proceedings must be borne by the perpetrator in the case of a conviction.

3.6.5. Place of jurisdiction.

The place of jurisdiction is Augsburg. German law applies.

3.7. Termination of employment as a Judge Office as a national / international Special Judge expires

- automatically after expiry of the term of appointment;
- in the case of written declaration of resignation by the office holder to the offices of SV/WUSV;
- in the event of deletion from the Judge List at the request of the home association.
- in the event of a decision of the Disciplinary Senate according to Item 3.6.3. (5).

III. Service as a Judge

1. Service as an SV Judge (Breeding Judge and Performance Judge in the different disciplines) is an essential pillar of the Association's work, as only in this way can the further development of the breed be guaranteed both in terms of anatomy and performance (character).

Service as a Judge must thus only be performed in observance of the Association's regulations.

The necessity to continuously update the state knowledge requires the willingness to engage in continuous further training.

For this reason, the Association holds Judges' Conferences when necessary. Other information from the Committees is conveyed by the LG Inspectors to their Judges in multiplier training.

Participation in the judge conferences is mandatory.

- 1.1. Employment as a Judge outside of the country requires the consent of HQ. Assent may only be given if the declaration of consent of the relevant Inspector of the SV Board is present. Judges have no legal entitlement to be approved for employment outside of the country. Consent is issued by the relevant Inspector in the proper exercise of his or her discretion, under consideration of the interests of SV and the requesting association. If he or she does not issue this consent, the application for approval is decided on by the SV Board in the proper exercise of its discretion, under consideration of the above-mentioned interests. If a Judge judges without the consent of HQ and without the consent of the relevant SV Inspector, his employment as a judge outside of the country will not be approved for the duration of one year.
- 1.2. It is not permitted to judge dogs at exhibitions or breeding shows that are owned or possessed by one of the Judges officiating at the event in question. Utmost restraint should be exercised when evaluation dogs possessed or owned by close relatives. These are on the same level as domestic partnerships, breeding communities, owners' communities, household communities etc. Officiating Judges at the SV National Champions' Breeding Show are not permitted to judge dogs at the Federal Group Breeding Shows and this SV National Champions' Breeding Show that have been owned, co-owned or

possessed by them within the last 12 months (based on the registered date of change of ownership). This also applies to dogs that they have bred or ones owned, co-owned or possessed by close relatives (first or second degree). Domestic partnerships, breeding communities and household communities are considered equal to relatives.

- 1.3. SV Judges are active on a volunteer basis. As compensation for expenses, the event organiser must provide remuneration:

- 1.3.1. Per diem expenses to the determined amount,

- 1.3.2 Reimbursement of travel expenses

- Fee per kilometre for the use of the Judge's own vehicle,
- Train travel,
- If applicable, costs for overnight accommodation with receipt, not including breakfast.

- 1.4. At the recommendation of the SV Board or the relevant Federal Group, deserving SV Judges may be appointed as SV Honorary Judges by the SV Board after the completion of their career.

This appointment entitles them, among other things, to free admission and catalogues at all SV events.

2. The office of the Judge expires:

- a) through resignation of the office of the Judge by its holder,
- b) at the end of the calendar year in which the office holder turns 70 years old,
- c) through removal from office by the SV Board or a competent legal organ in cases including:

- paid activity in connection with the sale of dogs,

-profit-oriented activity in the purchase and sale of dogs, with the exception of dogs bred by the Judge him- or herself and dogs owned by the Judge for longer than 12 months,

-for paid activity in connection with the training, care or accommodation of dogs or with the sale of dog food.

- d) Inactivity as a Judge for a period of three years leads to withdrawal of the office of the Judge.
- e) If the police check contains entries or if it is not submitted with respect to the extension of the office of the Judge.

IV. Duties of Judges

1. SV Judges are not permitted to offer their services to an event organiser or to partly or completely forgo the compensation for expenses to which he or she is entitled.
2. SV Judges must act in strict accordance with the Association's regulations (including Breed Standard, Breeding Show Regulations, Test Regulations, Shepherding Regulations).
3. SV Judges are obligated to comport themselves in a collegial manner and maintain an impeccable appearance within and outside of the Association.
4. SV Judges are obligated to comply with deadlines unless impeded by an important reason. The event organiser must be notified in the event that a Judge is justifiably impeded.
5. The judge shall keep their evaluation documents for twelve months. At the request of the SV Inspector, the Head Office and the Legal Office, the judge must allow them to inspect these documents.
6. Judges officiating at the National Champions' Breeding Show/National Champions' Test are obligated to accept employment as a Judge for an LG breeding show/LG elimination within the country, and, if applicable, to withdraw acceptance for OG breeding shows/OG tests and breeding shows outside of the county within 4 weeks of the announcement of the obligation to participate in the National Champions' Breeding Show/National Champions' Test.
7. During the LG breeding show period, Judges officiating at the National Champions' Breeding Show may not judge OG breeding shows on Saturdays. Any such commitments are invalid.
8. After the last LG breeding show, the National Champions' Breeding Show Judges are not permitted to judge their class of the National Champions' Breeding Show or similar (e.g. open) classes inside or outside of the country.

If disciplinary proceedings are commenced due to a violation of one of the items listed above, the office of the Judge will be in abeyance with immediate effect until the proceedings are completed.

V. Breed Survey Inspector

Experienced Breeding Judges may be appointed as the SV Breed Survey Inspector.

The appointment requires

- a) After three years and final appointment as an SV Breeding Judge, further training as an SV Breed Survey Inspector may commence,
- b) sufficient activity within this period,
- c) the recommendation of the relevant Federal Group,
- d) performance of at least three Breed Survey Inspector Candidate exercises under three different Breed Survey Inspectors appointed by the President of SV and/or Association Breeding Inspector.
- e) for the end of activity as a Judge, III. (2) likewise applies.

Appointment as a Breed Survey Inspector is made by the President of SV with the consent of the Association Breeding Inspector and is published in the SV Magazine.

VI. Character Evaluators

1. Right of nomination

The following persons are entitled to be nominated for a career as a Character Evaluator:

- the members of the SV Board,
- the Boards of the Federal Groups,

2. Requirements, training and appointment principles

- 2.1. Applicants for a career as a Character Evaluator must
 - be a permanently appointed Breeding or Performance Judge,
 - be active as a trainer/exhibitor,

- demonstrate evidence of successful participation in an SV judging seminar for Character Evaluators,
- 2.2. It is the responsibility of Headquarters to check the requirements.
- The group of individuals listed in Item 1 may recommend the Breeding and Performance Judges for the equivalence exercises to SV HQ. This recommendation is a requirement for admission as a Candidate for Character Evaluation.
- 2.3. Once the requirements (2.1. And 2.2.) are met, the SV Board decides on admission to perform three equivalence exercises for character evaluation.
- 2.4. The equivalence exercises are performed for the Observer during the regular appointments for character evaluation. The events are assigned to the Candidate for Character Evaluation by SV Headquarters.
- 2.5. Candidates for Character Evaluation must evaluate at least 20 dogs in the area of character in three equivalence exercises.
- 2.6. After completing the exercise, the Candidate must give his or her evaluation sheet to the Trainee Observer. After checking the documents, the Trainee Observer informs SV HQ of whether the equivalence exercise was passed/not passed.
- Repeating a failed exercise is only permitted once in the entire course of training.
- 2.7. The training period until completion of the final exercise must be completed within 2 years at the latest.
- 2.8. After passing the three candidate exercises, the Candidate is appointed as a Character Evaluator by the SV Board.
- 2.9. Appointment as a Character Evaluator is made by the SV Board for a term of one year each, starting on 01/06/2016. They automatically end after this period and may be extended. An extension may generally be granted if none of the items listed under section IV of these Judging Regulations have been violated.
- 2.10. The appointment must be published in the SV Magazine. The Character Evaluator receives a Judge ID from SV HQ and is included in the SV Judge List.

2.11. Assignments outside of the country are only permitted with the approval of the SV Board. The Character Evaluator expressly waives the option to file an appeal in the case that no approval is granted.

2.12. In the case of dismissal by the SV Board for an important reason, the Character Evaluator expressly waives the option to file an appeal against the dismissal.

VII. Breeding Disposition Test (ZAP) Judge

1. Right of nomination

The following have the right to nominate persons for a career as a ZAP Judge

- the members of the SV Board,
- the boards of the federal groups

2. Requirements, training and appointment principles

- 2.1. Applicant for a career as a ZAP Judge must
- be finally appointed IGP Judges,
 - be appointed Character Assessors,
 - be active trainers
 - prove successful participation in an SV judging seminar for ZAP Judges.
- 2.2. The Head Office is responsible for checking these requirements.
- The group of persons mentioned in section 1 may recommend Performance Judges with the additional qualification of Character Assessor for the SV Head Office's equivalence exercises. This recommendation is a prerequisite for admission as a candidate for ZAP.
- 2.3. The SV Board shall decide on admission to the performance of three equivalence exercises for ZAP judging once the prerequisites (2.1. and 2.2.) have been met.
- 2.4. The equivalence exercises shall be carried out during the regular dates of the ZAP. The events shall be assigned to the ZAP candidate by the SV Head Office.
- 2.5. The ZAP candidate must judge at least 10 dogs in ZAP during three equivalence exercises.

- 2.6. After completion of the exercise, the candidate must hand over their evaluation sheets to the training observer. After checking the documents, the training observer shall give feedback to the SV Head Office as to whether the exercise has been passed. The equivalence exercises must be completed with the members of the ZAP Core Commission.
- The repetition of a failed exercise is only possible once in the entire training programme.
- 2.7. The training period up to the completion of the final exercise must be completed within a maximum period of 2 years.
- 2.8. After the three equivalence exercises are passed, the SV Board shall appoint the candidate as a ZAP Judge.
- 2.9. The appointment as a ZAP Judge shall be made by the SV Board for a period of one year from 1 June 2017. The appointment shall end automatically after this period and may be extended. As a rule, an extension shall take place if there are no violations against the points mentioned in Part IV of these Judging Regulations.
- 2.10. The appointment shall be published in the SV Magazine. The ZAP Judge shall receive a judge ID from the SV Head Office and shall be included in the SV List of Judges.
- 2.11. Assignments abroad are only possible with the approval of the SV Board. The ZAP Judge expressly waives their right to appeal against denied approval.
- 2.12. In case of dismissal by the SV Board for good cause, the ZAP Judge expressly waives the option to appeal against this dismissal.