



GSD League of Great Britain and British Schutzhund Association (BSA)



Joint Affiliation Agreement - 26 October 2005

- 1) Both organisations will retain their own separate identities.
 - 2) Mutual respect and co-operation between the parties will be the foundation of this agreement.
 - 3) The GSD League of Great Britain is a full member of the WUSV.
 - 4) The adherence and development in Great Britain of WUSV Policies is the prime objective of this agreement, within a framework of The Kennel Clubs approval when and where necessary.
 - 5) The BSA fully recognises the GSD League of GB has responsibilities to the Kennel Club, its rules, regulations and policies.
 - 6) All members of the BSA will become and remain members of The GSD League of Great Britain (a WUSV member Club) for the duration of this agreement.
 - 7) The BSA members of the GSD League of GB will Receive all the benefits of a GSD League member; However they will NOT have any voting rights within the GSD League of GB.
 - 8) Any BSA member, who was a member of the GSD League of Great Britain on the 1st October 2005, will retain the full benefits of a GSD League member, including voting rights.
 - 9) Any issues arising out of clauses 7 & 8, will be dealt with through consultation, and if necessary, resolved at The Sole discretion of the Council of the GSD League of Great Britain.
 - 10) The BSA members will maintain their existing constitution and policies, with the exception of any necessary amendments resulting from this agreement.
 - 11) Any matter arising between the parties will be dealt with through an agreed procedure. (to be agreed separately)
 - 12) Both parties will meaningfully discuss the issue of full recognition of the BSA by the Kennel Club.
 - 13) The main focus, of the BSA will be towards the working policies of the WUSV, whilst respecting and adhering to all other WUSV policies.
 - 14) The GSD League of GB and the BSA fully recognises the importance of British participation in WUSV competitions, domestically and internationally.
 - 15) Both parties recognises each others expertise in the various areas of WUSV policies, and agree the following:
 - a) The BSA and the GSD League of GB will identify the demand for Local Training Clubs throughout Great Britain to facilitate WUSV training and test requirements for Trials, and for achieving exhibition and breeding qualifications for GSD under WUSV rules & regulations.
 - b) Where a sizeable demand is identified, reasonable advice and assistance will be provided by the BSA and the GSD League of GB for helping the local Club fulfil its objectives.
 - c) The control and accountability of each Local Club will be subject to agreed criteria. (to be agreed)
 - d) The question of which of the Signatory Clubs each newly established Local Club will belong, will require agreement between the parties. The prime interest of the majority of the members of each Club will be an important factor in this determination.
 - e) The BSA will be primarily responsible for the selection of the British Team to compete in The World Championships.
 - f) The GSD League of GB will be fully informed of the selection programme for the British Team to compete in the World Championships each year along with full details of the outcome of this programme.
 - g) The BSA will provide articles for the GSD League of GB Magazine, on a regular basis, to inform and promote its activities amongst our Signatory Club members.
 - h) All articles will be, as is normal, subject to the approval of the GSD League Magazine editor.
 - i) The BSA will be responsible for the issuance of WUSV approved Performance Books where required, to Signatory Club members. The GSD League of GB will assist in the obtaining of these Performance Books.
 - j) Both parties will only accept WUSV recognised Schutzhund Judges for Schutzhund tests and trials, as soon as is possible and practicable.
 - k) The B.S.A. & the GSD League of GB will provide a service, as far as is reasonable and practicable, to those Signatory Club members who wish to pursue Schutzhund qualifications to compete in WUSV competitions, events and shows, and also for attaining WUSV qualification requirements for GSD breeding.
 - l) The B.S.A. will provide an agreed assessment form for all dogs considered not suitable to commence or continue Schutzhund training.
 - m) Both organisations to meet, at least twice a year, to discuss the future of the German Shepherd Dog and associated activities.
 - n) The BSA agrees that they will affiliate exclusively with The GSD League of GB and this is agreed between the parties, as an integral part of this agreement. The GSD League of GB will consult with the BSA if at any Time an opportunity arises for additional affiliation agreements with Schutzhund Clubs.
- This agreement is governed by the laws of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.
Any agreed amendments to this agreement will be in writing
- THIS AGREEMENT WAS RATIFIED BY
THE GSD LEAGUE OF GREAT BRITAIN (GSDL) COUNCIL
ON THE 4th NOVEMBER 2005
THE BRITISH SCHUTZHUND ASSOCIATION (BSA)
NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE 5th NOVEMBER 2005**
- Signed of behalf of The GSD LEAGUE OF GREAT BRITAIN (GSDL)
Chairman: Paul Bradley
Vice-Chairman: Nikki Farley
Date: November 2005
- Signed on behalf of THE BRITISH SCHUTZHUND ASSOCIATION (BSA)
National Chairman: Richard James
National Secretary: Bryan Vandaal
Date: November 2005