



British Regional Groups

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New Website

The British Regional Group's new Website is under construction – watch our Facebook page and the GSD League of GB website for further details

New British Champions

We are delighted to announce that two new British Champion Titles have been awarded to Sue Worley's VA Yupp vom Hammelsbacher Hof and Carol Eastwood and Alyson Reilly's VA Kalli v Forstkammer. Congratulations to all owners and breeders on this achievement. This brings the number of exhibits attaining the title since 2010 to four.

The British Champion Title is the only champion title in the UK which not only recognises dogs of exceptional construction but also requires that they meet high standards of health test results. The title is gained by being awarded the top gradings at BRG shows and the British Sieger which is also run under WUSV style rules.

At these shows, all dogs entered are graded on their construction as set out in the Breed Standard . All dogs over 12 months old have to pass a gun-shot steadiness test and all dogs over 2 years old must have completed a British Breed Survey to be eligible to compete. Entry to the Working Class is limited to those which have proven working ability in tracking, obedience and protection, and who have passed the SV Breed Survey.

Under this system, it is the grading that is important and, whilst everyone likes to win, all dogs of excellent type are recognised not just the winners. The British Champion Title recognises those dogs which not only receive top gradings but, importantly, are also consistently highly placed.

Once a year at the British Sieger, those dogs which have obtained the required health and working qualifications are able to enter the working class and compete for the coveted VA grade – awarded if the judge believes them to be of Outstanding Excellence. The grade is not always awarded each year and only a small number of exhibits are considered worthy of the accolade. The VA Award is the highest possible achievement in the WUSV System and whilst the BRG Committee consider this in itself is sufficient to merit the British Champion Title, they also wish to limit the title to those who support the WUSV style shows in the UK . Therefore any VA dog must also prove that they can consistently obtain a high grading at our BRG shows.

We look forward to crowning more health tested Champions in the future.

2012 Top Winning Dogs

The top winning dogs from the 2012 BRG events are:

Male	VA Yupp v Hammelsbacher Hof
Female	British Champion Kassieger Renata
Long Coat Male	Opalia Solar Flare
Long Coat Female	Hazroh Sassy

Congratulations to all owners and breeders

A full list of the 2012 Top 10 winners will be posted on our new website and owners will receive certificates.

From 1st January 2013, it has been decided to use the same point system for the top 10 awards as for British Champion Title and so points will only be awarded to the top 2 exhibits who obtain the highest grading for their age.

Health Testing – Appeals

If an exhibit receives a hip or elbow score or haemophilia test result which makes it ineligible for a Breed Survey Pass or a Koerung Pass then it immediately becomes ineligible to compete at BRG events and is withdrawn from the British Champion Title and “Top 10” Awards System. If an appeal is made against the score then the exhibit is suspended from entry to events until such time as the results of the appeal are known and, if they are then able to attain a Breed Survey or Koerung Pass, they are re-instated as eligible to compete at BRG events and included in the British Champion Title and Top 10 Awards System.

Order of Judging

At all future BRG shows, all long coat individual assessments and, where appropriate, gun tests will be carried out together with those of short coats of a similar age. They will then be judged separately from but immediately after the short coats of that age. This is the tried and tested way in which it has been found to be most efficient to run events with as many classes as we have at BRG events and we hope that it will help to keep shows moving along and avoid lulls in activity! Look carefully at the 2013 schedules for more detail

Events Calendar

We have an exciting, jam packed calendar of events for 2013 – see attached which will also be available on our new website. We look forward to seeing many of you there and enjoying the best of our wonderful breed.

Christmas Cracker

After the huge success of the 2012 Christmas Cracker, we will be running a similar event on November 30th, 2013. Judges for each class will be announced shortly.

Feedback

Do you want to contribute to the development of BRG and its events?

The BRG consists of 8 groups many of whom have individual membership – a list of secretaries is available from the BRG Secretary and will be on our new website – those groups represent the views of their members at BRG meetings.

We also have our own page on Facebook – WUSV British Regional Group. We welcome your feedback and comments on there too.

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Note to editors

The British Regional Groups were established in 2010 and is made up of 8 groups:

- GSD League of Great Britain*
- British GSD Training Club*
- GSD Training Club of Cornwall***
- Midland Regional Group***
- Scottish Progressive GSD Group***
- Southern GSD Group***
- South West Regional GSD Group***
- West Yorkshire GSD Club*

* KC Registered Club

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These groups have the following aims:

- To promote the health and welfare of the German Shepherd Dog
- To provide a medium for members to exchange views and information
- To organise and arrange events for the GSD based on WUSV rules
- To provide an educational base for sharing information on:-
 - WUSV rules and regulations
 - Mandatory Health Issues
 - Working qualifications
- To promote the GSD as per the WUSV standard
- To assist members in obtaining qualifications based on the WUSV system
 - BH
 - AD
 - Schutzhund 1, 2 & 3
 - Koerung
 - Koerung (Lebenzeit/life)
- To work alongside the GSD League of Great Britain as an affiliated organization.