**THE WUSV WORKING GROUP - UK**



Thank you for your enquiry regarding the German SV Health Scheme. The International scheme in this country is administered on behalf of the WUSV Working Group (BAGSD & GSDL). The process is explained below but in order to comply with the scheme, the following criteria must be in place prior to acceptance.

1. The owner of the dog **must** be a fully paid up member of either BAGSD, the GSDL or the SV.
2. The dog must be a GSD, registered with the governing body of the country of origin and the application must be accompanied by an official copy of the pedigree, issued by that governing body in the country of origin.

**(I.e. KC 5 Generation pedigree/SV pedigree/SAS pedigree etc )**

1. The dog **must** be microchipped and registered with an official body.
2. The dog **must** be accompanied by ALL the enclosed forms, duly filled in and signed when being presented to the Approved Veterinary Surgeon for X-raying and DNA sampling.
3. All charges for X-raying the dog must be paid to the Veterinary practice at the time of visit by the owner.

**NB. Once the images have been submitted to the SV, they become the property of the SV. The original pedigree submitted to them will be stamped by the SV with the results and returned to you.**

**INTERNATIONAL SCHEME – This is the SV scheme that Great Britain has had in place for many years. The results from this scheme are officially recorded in the SV breed book and retained on their electronic SV DoxS system for all members to access.**

The SV have now agreed that ANY Veterinary Practice, who regularly submit X-ray images to the BVA for scoring and are prepared to liaise with the registrar on the image technicalities and specific requirements as well as agreeing to register for the German SV digital system, may now apply to submit images to the scheme digitally.

**EACH X-RAY PLATE MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH THE FOLLOWING:**

1. DOGS FULL REGISTERED NAME
2. REGISTRATION NUMBER
3. MICROCHIP NUMBER
4. DATE OF XRAY
5. VETERINARY SURGEONS NAME AND PRACTICE

**Following completion of the X-rays, please send all completed HD & ED paperwork, signed and stamped by you and your vet, along with the ORIGINAL pedigree to the scheme registrar without delay:**

**Heather Macdonald,**

**Parenwell Cottage,**

**Hill Road, Blairadam,**

**Nr Kelty. Scotland**

**KY4 0HU**

**PLEASE READ NEXT PAGE – IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**DNA SAMPLE**

Following collection of the DNA sample by your vet, it must be suitably packaged and sent **IMMEDIATELY**, with the original SV DNA form, for the DNA only, duly signed and stamped by your vet and yourself, along with a **PHOTO COPY** only, of the pedigree to:

**GENERATION GmbH,**

**Blumenstr. 49**

**69115 Heidelberg**

**Germany**

This DNA sample must be posted same day and clearly marked as CANINE DNA **– DO NOT** mark as blood sample or the Post Office will refuse to send it. It is strongly recommended the sample is sent via the Post office International tracked and signed for option, NOT via parcel force or any other parcel service. You **must** since Brexit ensure they complete the customs declaration form for sending goods to Europe again stating it is a canine DNA sample. The post office will supply this but make sure they COMPLETE AND ATTACH THIS. If this is not attached the package will be returned by customs.

To reduce complications, please adhere to the following procedure when sending blood for DNA:

1. Your vet will be required to take a sample of blood and complete the SV – DNA form.
2. The sample is to be 2ml EDTA/Potassium – blood, clearly marked with the full name of the dog, registration number and microchip number.
3. The sample together with the completed SV DNA form and a PHOTOCOPY of the original pedigree **must** be sent to the Heidelberg address (above) the same day.
4. The blood sample should be well packed in a suitable postage bag, described as a CANINE DNA Sample, then posted immediately.

If you have any questions prior to sending, please do not hesitate to contact me.

On behalf of the WUSV Working Group UK

**Heather Macdonald – Registrar**

**07876 210243**

**Email:** **Conbhairean@icloud.com**

**STEP BY STEP GUIDE**

1. Ensure you have the official pedigree from the dogs country of birth, such as a 5 generation Kennel Club pedigree (Must be official pedigree – not homemade) or SV pedigree etc if not bred in the UK.
2. Ensure you are either a member of BAGSD/GSDL or the SV.
3. Contact the registrar for details to order SV paperwork and make payment.
4. Only once paperwork is received, make appointment with approved/registered Vet.
5. If new vet, ensure they contact the registrar for guidance, well in advance of appointment – **THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT AS THEY MUST FIRST REGISTER AND AWAIT AUTHORISATION, which can take a few weeks.**
6. Ensure you have all original paperwork as well as a photocopy of original pedigree to attend vet with dog for images and dna sample.
7. Vet takes images and completes all paperwork VERY carefully, ensure forms are signed and stamped by vet and signed by owner.
8. Ensure DNA sample ONLY with photo**copy** of pedigree is sent to Heidelberg the **same day** International tracked and signed for and don’t forget to ask the post office for the customs label to be attached – **OR IT WILL BE RETURNED**.
9. Ensure all images are uploaded correctly by vet, using the dog’s full pedigree name and microchip number, to the VETsXL digital portal system and the accompanying SV forms for HD & ED, along with the **original** pedigree are suitably packaged and sent immediately to the registrar (Heather Macdonald)
10. The registrar will ensure paperwork is correctly completed and stamp pedigree before submitting to SV for assessment. Images will not be assessed until the forms are received in Germany by the SV.