

Breed Show Regulations of the Deutsch-Langhaar Association (e.V.)

§ 1 Definition and Purpose

The **DLV** Breed Regulations define Breed Shows as events held by the **DLV** and organized by either the **DLV**, one or more of its breed clubs.

Breed Shows are held to promote the breeding of the DL. The purpose of a Breed Show is to determine a dog's physical suitability or non-suitability for breeding, and to evaluate the dog's type, conformation and coat against the established standard and the **DLV** Breeding Regulations.

In addition to the breeding relevant results from natural ability and performance tests, the dog's Breed Show evaluation is an important criterion in the process of selecting breed stock.

Apart from the dog's appearance in terms of physique, a sound mental disposition is of particular importance. It is imperative that any display of an unusual behavior in a dog's temperament is documented.

§ 2 Announcement and Organization

- a) Breed Shows must be announced, at the latest, in the DL Newsletter preceding the Breed Show and on the website of the organizing member club. The announcement must include the name of the out-of-group breed judge.
- b) As in the Association tests, a conformation judge meeting must be held prior to each Breed Show.
- c) Breed Shows must be held at locations which facilitate that the dogs can freely move in the three types of gait.
- d) The dogs are evaluated by two conformation judges who must be registered in the **DLV** Conformation Judges' List. One of the breed judges must be from a different breed club than the one organizing the event (a guest breed judge). Breed judges whose home member club is different from the organizing DLV member club will also qualify as guest judges.
- e) Breed judges may not evaluate dogs that they have bred or trained. This shall also apply to the first generation offspring of such dogs. The breed judges may further not evaluate dogs bred, handled or owned by parties to whom they are related by blood or marriage or with whom they share the same living quarters.
- f) The handler acknowledges that conformation ratings by judges are uncontestable. Judges' ratings are not subject to review. Insults against conformation judges or publicly criticizing the rating of any one of the judges will not be tolerated.
- g) The handler of the dog under judgment shall be liable for all and any damage caused by his dog.

§ 3 Breed Show Entry

- a) Breed Shows are restricted to dogs with a **DLV** pedigree or a foreign pedigree which is recognized by the **DLV**.
- b) Dogs at Breed Shows must be at least 18 months old. Preliminary ratings are possible for dogs of at least 18 months in age.

- c) Breed Show entries may be limited to dogs that are owned by members of the *DLV* breed clubs.
- d) A valid rabies vaccination must be documented for all dogs presented. Dogs with diseases, aggressive dogs or dogs which are suspected of having a disease may not be entered. Handlers of female dogs in heat must report the condition to the organizer of the event. Such dogs should be kept a good distance from the show ground until they are rated at the end of the show.

§ 4 Entry Procedure and Entry Fee

- a) A copy of an updated pedigree and the entry fee shall be attached to the written entry form for the Breed Show.
On the day of the Breed Show, have these documents ready:
Original pedigree; original test results; miscellaneous original certificates and/or original certifications; original vaccination records; and other applicable records.
- b) Entry fee is non-refundable for no shows.

§ 5 Evaluation of Dogs

- a) Whenever possible dogs ought to be evaluated while in motion. A dog may not be evaluated from stand-still or predominantly stand-still positions.
- b) Aggressive or extremely timid dogs or dogs that bite will not be evaluated. Any temperamental faults must be recorded; the Breed Show organizer must inform the Breed Registrar and the respective Breeding Advisor of the faults. The Breed Show Director must make an annotation on the dog's pedigree indicating the disqualifying faults (page 4, record of natural hunting abilities and hunting suitability).

§ 6 Judging and Rating of Dogs

Each dog shall be rated separately in these categories: Type, conformation and coat. All ratings shall be published in precisely this order: Type, Conformation, Coat.

§ 7 Breed Judge Apprentice

Breed clubs are encouraged to sponsor judging engagements by Breed Judge Apprentices. To this end, Conformation Judge Apprentices / Specialized Breed Judge Apprentices shall notify the organizing breed club in advance of their desired judging engagement at the proposed breed show. Specialized Breed Judge Apprentices must train exclusively under the guidance of *VDH* accredited training judges. Apprentice input must be evaluated by *VDH* accredited training judges. This does not apply to *DLV* Conformation Judge Apprentices. The *DLV* provides each breed club with a list of registered Conformation Judges, Specialized Breed Judges and qualified Training Judges.

§ 8 Territorial Applicability of Breed Show Regulations

Breed Show Regulations shall apply to all breed shows held by the *DLV*, as well as breed shows organized by any of the *DLV* affiliated breed clubs.
The *DLV* Breed Show Regulations shall apply autonomously from *VDH* and *FCI* Regulations for their respective shows.

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