

## WUSV HD-ED Radiograph Certification for Australian Veterinarians through WGSDCA

Dear Australian Veterinarian Colleagues,

In collaboration with the Working German Shepherd & Dogsport Clubs of Australia (WGSDCA), the HD-ED Expert Panel at the Dysplasia Zentrum Gießen (DZG) cordially invite Australian Veterinarians to participate in the German Shepherd Dog HD-ED Screening Scheme as undertaken by the Verein für Deutsche Schäferhunde (SV) e.V. in Germany.

The DZG is the official HD-ED Expert Panel for the SV/WUSV HD-ED Screening Scheme. The WGSDCA caters for the unmet need of dedicated GSD aficionados who wish to further align with the WUSV Harmonisation Program which was unanimously agreed upon at the 2016 WUSV General Assembly Meeting.

The systematic and methodical breeding of German Shepherd Dogs began soon after the establishment of the SV in 1899. The physical composition, nature and character of the GSD is defined by the SV Breed Standard and registered as Breed Standard No. 166 under the FCI. The WUSV World Harmonisation Program aims to move towards a Global Breed Matrix Program which follows five quality criterions (listed in hierarchical order): Health, Character, Verification of Parentage, Performance in Working Trial and Exterior.

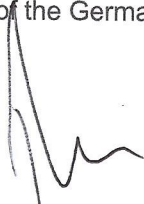
Our Australian Veterinarian Colleagues are invited to enrol in the HD-ED Radiograph Certification Program to assist with the further implementation of a global Harmonisation Program for the benefit of the German Shepherd Dog breed.

Register your interest by submitting your details via an online Application Request through the WGSDCA website (click [here](#)). **Please note** that it is a pre-requisite that your practice, clinic, hospital can generate digital radiographs in DICOM format (no exception allowed) and that you have access to the internet.

On submission you will be requested to pay a fee to the WGSDCA for your initial assessment as a Foreign Veterinary Radiologist. The initial assessment requires you to set up an account on myVetXL (free) and subsequently upload and submit hip and elbow radiographs from three (3) German Shepherds for image quality assessment. Upon receipt of registration and upon payment, the WGSDCA will provide a document detailing the process. Should you pass the initial assessment\*, you may enrol in the Accreditation Process for an additional fee. This covers a Webinar and material for a subsequent MCQ examination. The HD-ED Expert Panel may, at their discretion, request you to submit additional radiographs for further evaluation. A Foreign Veterinary Radiologist license will be granted if you pass the initial assessment and subsequent MCQ examination. The license will be valid for 4 years.

On behalf of the DZG HD-ED Expert Panel, I thank you for your interest and willingness to collaborate with the Motherland of the German Shepherd Dog.

Yours sincerely,



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\* A refund less WGSDCA administrative costs will be granted if the images submitted fail to meet the technical requirements as specified by the HD-ED Expert Panel.