



TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP

In September, 2005, **Working German Shepherds Australia Inc.** was formed and registered as a National Council for the promotion and preservation of the German Shepherd Dog as a working dog, with emphasis based on the guiding principle that, *German Shepherd Dog Breeding is Working Dog Breeding*.

As from 2007 this organization has been trading under **Schutzhund Australia Inc.**, dedicated to the betterment of all recognised FCI working dog breeds in this country; providing assistance to help and improve the skills of breeders and handlers wishing to take advantage of our organization's infrastructure, resources and facilities.

This Organisation is dedicated to the education of its members and to the development of Schutzhund / Dogsport / IPO / VPG, as the integral international sport for testing recognised working dog breeds. It consists of State and Affiliated Chapter clubs, which are there to facilitate the training and trialling of dogs for Dogsport / IPO / SchH / VPG. Schutzhund Australia Administration maintains a system of records for titles styled on that of the Deutsche Schaeferhund Verein e.V. (SV e.V), and the current Judge's Program and Rules for Trials are as those practiced by SV in Germany, with Australian variances.

There is one only State representative club of Schutzhund Australia Inc. For regional information, contact the appropriate State representative branch:

In Victoria:

- Eagle Heights Sportdog Club Inc.
The Secretary,
Theresa Brook
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In Queensland:

- Gold Coast Sportdog Club Inc.
The Secretary
Alison Kollenberg
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In New Zealand:

- New Zealand United Schutzhund Clubs Inc.
The Secretary
Theresa Friis
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In New South Wales:

- Waratah Sportdog Club Inc.
The Secretary
Mario Ferkula
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Schutzhund Australia Inc. Administration, Fees and Programs:

- Schutzhund Australia sanctioned Working Trials will use only licensed Working Judges and Helpers;

NB: All sanctioned trials must pay Schutzhund Australia Inc. a trial levy of \$5 per entry. Two parts of an OB/TR/BH can be combined as equal to one SchH entry. Non-members are to pay double fees to cover their trial insurance.

- Schutzhund Australia supports the attendance of Breed Surveys.
- Schutzhund Australia Trial Registry to record all titles earned in Schutzhund Australia trials;
- Certification program of Helpers and the issuing of Helper Passports. (Passports are to be signed by the adjudicating judge at the completion of each Trial);
- Schutzhund Australia Judge's Program and an annual Judge's College for the licensing of judges and the provision of regular educational refresher courses for Schutzhund Australia Inc. Judges.
- Schutzhund Australia Schutzhund 3 Club and FH Club, for members that have trained and trialled a dog with no previous titles from BH through to SchH 3 level and from BH to FH1. Schutzhund Australia Inc. SchH 3 Club jackets and FH Club badges are available for purchase by qualifying members.
- Schutzhund Australia Inc. signed/stamped Trial Certificates issued to all successful trial entrants at the completion of each Trial;
- Schutzhund Australia Score Books for all dogs entered in a Schutzhund Australia Inc. trial. To be filled out and signed by the Judge at the completion of each Trial. (\$15 per book, includes postage);
- Schutzhund Australia Sports passes for all handlers entered in a Schutzhund Australia Inc. trial. To be filled out and signed by the Judge at the completion of each Trial (\$15 per pass, includes postage);
- Schutzhund Australia national website publication reporting member news, being the official organ of Schutzhund Australia on www.schutzhundaustalia.com;
- Official Schutzhund Australia Rulebook;
- Annual Schutzhund Australia National and State Championship Trials;
- Schutzhund Australia Medals Program where points are awarded for a handler's performance and these go towards earning Schutzhund Australia's Gold, Silver and Bronze Sports Medals;
- Professional assistance both from Schutzhund Australia and other Member Clubs with similar ideals;
- Knowledge and literary assistance;
- Public Liability cover for all Schutzhund Australia members;
- National Schutzhund Australia Inc. book, DVD, CD and video library.
- Schutzhund Australia Shop, for the purchase of Schutzhund Australia merchandise, in the form of t-shirts, caps, badges, tracksuits, car decals and other club paraphernalia.
- The Schutzhund Australia website offers free breeding related advertising for its membership in the Schutzhund Australia Breeder's Directory and Whelping Box sections, under ABOUT US.
- A Schutzhund Australia Member database of all Schutzhund Australia full members, associate and affiliate members.

Schutzhund Australia offers a direct individual membership in the National Organisation or membership through a Schutzhund Australia State club, or a Schutzhund Australia affiliated club. Only full members of Schutzhund Australia State Full Member clubs have voting rights.

When applying for membership of Schutzhund Australia the applicant must be nominated and seconded by a Full Member Club, or Full Member Club member. After which, the applicant must submit a duly completed and signed Application for Membership (AMO1), which can be obtained from your state branch secretary, to be accompanied by a money order or cheque for the appropriate fee, to be drawn on the applicant club's bank account and made payable to "Schutzhund Australia Inc." In addition to an annual Club fee (see rates below), an additional \$25 for each individual the club has as a member also applies annually. There is a three year probation period for all Affiliate Clubs before a Full Member status as a State representative can be considered. During this three year period membership can be terminated at any time without redress against Schutzhund Australia or Schutzhund Australia members, upon receipt of evidence of unethical actions detrimental to the goals, ideals, Constitution and regarding the reputation of Schutzhund Australia.

Schutzhund Australia members can participate in any Schutzhund / Dogsport / IPO / VPG trials run by any organization that adheres to the international trial rules, standards and guidelines. Sportsmanlike behaviour is expected of all judges and members representing the sport on behalf of Schutzhund Australia and they must comply with all Schutzhund Australia rules, regulations and codes of conduct.

Schutzhund Australia Membership Fees are as follows:

- a) Annual Schutzhund Australia dues for a Full Member Club (the State's representative club) -

\$300.00

- b) Annual Schutzhund Australia dues for an Affiliate Member Club - \$350.00
- c) Annual Schutzhund Australia dues for an Associate (individual person) Membership - \$150.00
- d) Annual Schutzhund Australia dues for a Youth Membership - \$25.00
- e) Annual individual Schutzhund Australia dues are paid by all in-club Schutzhund Australia members (to be collected for Schutzhund Australia by the member's chapter club as a part of their annual branch fees) - \$25.00.

For Clubs, the following information is also required to be supplied with the Application for Membership:

- A Certificate of Incorporation (photocopy);
- Copy of Applicant Club's Constitution
- A list of Officers and Committee (full names and addresses/email &/or phone) - to be supplied annually;
- A list of financial members (full names and addresses) - to be supplied to the Schutzhund Australia Inc. Secretary annually; NB: For insurance reasons all chapter clubs' members are also required to be individual members of Schutzhund Australia. See Schutzhund Australia's Constitution, Membership Fees, item e);
- Name of Applicant's Training Director or Head Trainer and his/her qualifications, along with a resume of experience of the aforementioned;
- Full details of any Schutzhund / IPO / VPG titled dogs within the applicant Club (i.e.: copy of pedigree including name of dog and registration number, whelp date, name of sire and dam and registration numbers; name of owner and handler; copies of hip & elbow scores (if done); copies of scorebook results or details of title(s) achieved; date(s) and name(s) of Trial(s) at which title(s) achieved; name of Judge(s);

Upon receipt of the aforementioned information, details of the Application are advised to all clubs and affiliates which may within six (6) weeks from the date of that advice lodge an objection, stating clearly the reasons for such objection. A Full Member Club has the right to veto any application and may do so without specifying a reason therefore. If no objection is lodged, the Executive Body may approve the Application forthwith.

Upon approval of an Application for Membership, the applicant will be advised in writing and provided with a copy of the Constitution and any Rules and Regulations relating to the holding of Trials and shall become a member of Schutzhund Australia and be entitled to all the benefits and privileges of membership and be bound by the Constitution of Schutzhund Australia.

The financial year for Schutzhund Australia commences on 1 July of each year and concludes 30 June of the following year. Annual subscription fees are payable in advance, latest by 1 July of any given year.

SCHUTZHUND AUSTRALIA INC.
