

# ***Jagdgebrauchshundverband e. V.***

## **Association By-Laws**

as adopted by the General Meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 1995;  
revised by the General Meeting on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2003;  
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### **§ 1**

#### **Name and Registered Address of the Association**

- (1) The Association is the umbrella association of the versatile hunting dog movement in Germany. The Association goes by the name *Jagdgebrauchshundverband e. V.* (Versatile Hunting Dog Association [a registered association]) and shall be referred to hereafter as “Association” or by its acronym, “JGHV”.
- (2) The Association’s registered address is Bonn, Germany. The Association is registered in the official (German) Registry of Associations.

### **§ 2**

#### **Purpose of the Association**

- (1) Sportsman-like hunting and consequently hunting in conformity with (German) laws on animal protection are not feasible without a reliable hunting dog. For this reason, JGHV embraces the mission to join clubs which produce well-performing and reliable hunting dogs through a system of performance testing, breeding and public education. In this capacity, JGHV fulfills the missions set forth by legislation on animal protection and hunting preservation.

JGHV represents the interests of the versatile hunting dog movement on national and international levels in conjunction with member clubs and hunters’ organizations. JGHV does so in particular in dealing with (German) federal and state agencies and administrations, as well as international institutions

- (2) JGHV seeks to achieve its objectives through the following actions:
  1. Establishing uniform test regulations and the regulations for Association judgeship. It also defines binding general guidelines for versatile performance tests held by member clubs;
  2. Keeping the German Versatile Dog Studbook (*DGStB*);
  3. Conferring merit awards on eligible member clubs, and on individuals and organizations possessing outstanding service records;ionen;
  4. Creating a public image of the versatile hunting dog movement;
  5. Fostering cultural interests of hunting-related kynology;
  6. Fostering the hunting-related kynology expert panel system;
  7. Representing JGHV within the German Association for Hunting Preservation (*DJV*), German State Hunting Associations (*LJV*) and its subdivisions.

- (3) The General Meeting may assign special duties to the Association on a case by case basis.
- (4) The Association exclusively and directly pursues non-profit objectives defined in the German Tax Code Section entitled "Tax Privileged Activities".
- (5) When profits are incurred, these may only be used for purposes as defined in the Association's By-Laws.
- (6) All service in the Association committees is performed in an honorary capacity, with income tax exempt remuneration for honorary functions. This is based upon the German Law on Further Strengthening Civic Activities, passed on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007, and the Implementation Directive by the German Federal Ministry of Finance relative, in particular, to Section 3, no. 26a of the German Law on Personal Income, GZ IV C4-S 2121/07/0010 DOK 2008 / 0656438, as released on November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008 by said Ministry in (11016) Berlin. Law and Directive each shall be applicable in their most recent version.

## **Membership**

### **§ 3**

#### **Type of Membership**

- (1) JGHV is composed of:
  1. Clubs which organize tests in accordance with the Association's regulations and general guidelines; these include:
    - a) Versatile hunting dog clubs;
    - b) Breed clubs for versatile hunting dog breeds and their subdivisions;
    - c) Associations of breed clubs in b) above;
    - d) Autonomous subdivisions in accordance with § 3(1)2 of the By-Laws, provided they are members of the Association;
    - e) and affiliated clubs in other countries;
  2. State Hunting Associations which encompass the majority of a state's organized hunters, such as *LJV* (State Hunters' Association and other Hunters' Organizations).
  3. and non-voting members
- (2) Membership in JGHV does not affect the autonomy of breed clubs and breed associations with respect to their breeding systems. The decisions by the General Meeting, however, are binding on all clubs and associations.
- (3) The German Kennel Club (*VDH*) is a non-voting member of JGHV.  
A separate agreement governs the relationship between JGHV and the German Kennel Club (*VDH*).

### **§ 4**

#### **Admission of Members**

- (1) Requirements for JGHV membership:
  1. Clubs – with the exception of non-voting members – are eligible to apply for JGHV membership when they have a minimum of 50 members. At least 3/4 of members must be hunters and four members must be Association Judges.

2. The By-Laws of applicant clubs which desire to conduct Association tests must contain the provision that the club and its members shall accept the JGHV By-Laws, its Disciplinary and Association Court Regulations, and declare themselves bound by their provisions, if it is admitted into JGHV as a member.
3. The By-Laws of each applicant clubs must be registered in the (German) Registry of Associations. This does not apply to breed club subdivisions. Clubs in other countries must be registered in accordance with their national provisions.
4. The By-Laws of each applicant clubs must contain the provision that their members do not engage in commercial dog breeding or trading as defined by the (German) Law on Animal Protection.

(2) Additional requirements for breed clubs:

1. The By-Laws of each applicant clubs must identify the hunting dog breed which it represents, and the breed standard of such breed must be recognized by *F.C.I.* (Fédération Cynologique Internationale; International Canine Organization). Only those breed clubs can be admitted as members when the breed they represent, by definition of its origin (history and use in the originating country) and suitability, serves the interest of sportsman-like hunting in Germany. Compliance with this requirement must be documented by certification from that country's respective hunting organization, and documented participation in JGHV tests etc.

At least 3/4 of the club members must be hunters and at least half of their breed inventory must be owned by hunters.

These membership applications will be subject to careful screening.

2. The By-Laws of each applicant club must contain the provision that the club engages in performance breeding for hunting activities as defined by the paragraph on the purpose of the Association.
3. The By-Laws and regulations of each applicant club shall contain the provision that stud dogs and brood bitches selected for versatile performance breeding must demonstrate their respective breed-specific abilities as defined by § 2(1) of the Association's By-Laws in tests that are recognized by JGHV.
4. Breed club associations which do not exclusively engage in versatile performance breeding must delineate their versatile performance breedings for the hunters. Such identification requires official recognition by the JGHV Executive Committee.
5. Prior to applying for JGHV membership, the applicant clubs must have at least applied for preliminary membership in the German Kennel Club (*VDH*). In the event that membership in the German Kennel Club (*VDH*) is not approved, a JGHV membership will not be granted.

(3) Preliminary Membership

1. Preliminary membership may be acquired for a 5-year period. Such status requires an agreement between the Executive Committee and the member. As long as such agreement does not stipulate otherwise, all member rights and duties from the Association's By-Laws shall apply equally. Preliminary membership may be extended once for not more than two years.
2. When a preliminary member applies for regular membership, the approval lies with the Executive Committee.
3. Breed clubs having breeds not yet represented in JGHV must become preliminary members first.  
While in this status, the applicant must substantiate that breeding and management of the breed can be sustained in Germany.

- (4) The procedure for member admission is governed in Appendix A of the "Association Regulations".

## **§ 5**

### **Termination of Membership**

- (1) Membership is terminated through resignation or expulsion.

Resignation must be declared in writing not later than October 1<sup>st</sup> of any year. Such correspondence must be sent, by registered mail, to the Association Office. Resignation will not be effective until the end of a fiscal year

- (2) A member club may be expelled for one of the following reasons:

1. The member club continues to be in arrears for more than 6 months after being reminded of its financial obligations to the Association.
2. The member club deliberately makes incorrect statements regarding the number of its members.
3. The member club acts deliberately and/or in gross negligence in violation of the Association By-Laws or Regulations, or through its conduct damages the image of the Association.
4. The member club no longer meets the Association's requirements for membership admission.

- (3) In the cases described above, the decision regarding expulsion will be made by the Executive Committee. Member clubs will be notified of the decision by registered letter. The respective member club may file a protest which must be submitted within two weeks by registered letter to the Association Office. The Association Court will render a final decision on the protest.

## **Bodies**

### **§ 6**

#### **Bodies of the Association**

- (1) The Bodies of the Association are:

1. General Meeting (aka Association Conference)
2. Managing Executive Committee (aka Executive Committee)
3. Extended Executive Committee
4. Disciplinary Committee
5. Studbook Commission

Officers of the Bodies (1) no. 2 - 5 above must be hunters.

### **§ 7**

#### **General Meeting**

- (1) The General Meeting is the body where decisions are made by the delegates. Regular General Meetings must be held within 3 months after the preceding fiscal year and must be convened by the President. Invitations to the meeting must be in writing and must comply with the mandatory 6-week advance notice requirement. Invitations must indicate agenda and all timely motions.

- (2) Special General Meetings will be convened by the President in the event that
1. Decisions of an urgent nature or decisions having significant impact must be made;
  2. At least one fifth of the members request a meeting for which they must indicate the reasons. A special General Meeting must then be convened within 8 weeks after the request has been received by the Office.
- (3) Only member clubs may submit motions for the General Meeting. Individuals within member clubs are not entitled to submit motions. Motions by member clubs must be received by the Office not later than October 1<sup>st</sup> of the preceding year. The format for motions must be observed, i.e. single pages ready to print. Motions will be published in "DER JAGDGEBRAUCHSHUND" not later than the November volume.

The President sets the deadline for motions for General Meetings.

- (4) The General Meeting makes decisions on:
1. Amendments to the By-Laws, generally binding tests (§ 23[2a]), regulations (for example, The Disciplinary Regulations) and mandatory general guidelines for training and tests.
  2. Budget
  3. Ratification of decisions by the Executive Committee
  4. Timely motions for the General Meeting. Officers on the Executive Committee have the right to privileged motions. Delegates of member clubs may introduce new and supplementary motions during the General Meeting when these arise from a subject matter. In questionable cases the General Meeting shall decide whether new or supplementary motions will be considered.
  5. Elections of Officers to the Executive Committee, the Disciplinary Committee, the Association Court, the Studbook Commission, and to the two positions as Auditors. Alternating in two year intervals, the Executive Committee and the Disciplinary Committee as one group, and the Studbook Commission, Association Court and Auditors as the other group are each elected for a period of 4 years. Re-election is permissible; only the positions of Auditors must be filled by new incumbents every 4 years.
  6. President and Vice-President are elected by secret ballot. Election by secret ballot is also mandatory when there is more than one candidate for a position. All other voting is done by show of hands. Secret ballot must be taken if 1/5 of the votes represented at the General Meeting call for a secret ballot.

If there are several candidates for a position, the candidate receiving the most votes is elected. If there is only one candidate, he must receive more than 50% of the valid votes in order to be elected.

7. In the event that decisions, which are normally reserved for the General Meeting, must be made immediately due to Force majeure, in particular when the Government interferes with the affairs of the Association, the Executive Committee shall be obligated and authorized to conduct a written ballot among the members of the Association. When Association members are informed of the draft decision, they will then be called upon to vote on the matter within a set deadline.

A temporary decision shall be presented for a final vote at the next General Meeting.

- (5) Notwithstanding § 18(3), member clubs have the following votes:
1. Versatile hunting dog clubs; breed clubs, their subdivisions respectively; county and district groups, and hunters' clubs within the German Association for Hunting Preservation (*DJV*), as well as affiliated clubs in other countries shall each have 1 vote for every full € 256 (Euro) membership dues.
  2. Associations of breed clubs =1 vote
  3. State Hunting Associations (*LJV*) =1 vote
  4. Officers in the Executive Committee each have one vote. They may not exercise a member club's right to vote.
- (6) The delegates must be members in an Association member club.
- (7) A duly and properly convened General Meeting always constitutes a quorum. Decisions are passed by a simple majority of the valid votes cast. Abstentions shall not be considered.
- In the event of a tie, the motion fails. Decisions on amendments to the By-Laws require a  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority. A  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority of the valid votes cast in a General Meeting is required to decide on the dissolution of the Association. The dissolution, however, shall not come to pass as long as 5 regular members paying full membership dues desire the continued existence of the Association and declare that they are willing to continue the Association's mission as defined by the By-Laws.
- (8) Minutes must be taken during each General Meeting for signature of the President or his representative and the recording secretary. The minutes must be published prior to the next General Meeting where there will be a decision on the approval of the minutes.
- (9) The newly elected officers shall not begin their duties for the Association until the conclusion of the General Meeting at which they were elected. Until such time, the affairs will be managed by the still incumbent officers on the Executive Committee.

## § 8

### The Executive Committee

- (1) The Executive Committee is composed of:
1. President
  2. Vice President
  3. Director of Testing
  4. Two additional associate officers
- (2) The officers on the Executive Committee perform their duties on an honorary basis in accordance with § 2 of the JGHV By-Laws. Unless specifically assigned to another body, officers shall exercise discretion while performing duties for the Association as set forth by By-Laws and Regulations.

Special duties of the Executive Committee include:

- a) Maintaining relationships with member clubs, while providing timely information and consultation.
- b) Promoting in the public and hunters' circles the versatile hunting dog movement in accordance with the philosophy of the Association and its members.
- c) Public relations, and assisting the hunting-related media and the official Association publication "*Der Jagdgebrauchshund*,"

- d) Guiding federal and state departments and agencies in their decision-making processes in the interest of preserving the goals of the versatile hunting dog movement.
- e) Promoting the versatile hunting dog movement on international and bilateral levels.

The above duties, including additional duties of a similar nature, may be conferred on Officers on the Executive Committee or other suitable individuals within the Association, or on committees convened by the Executive Committee. The guideline for reimbursement of cash expenditure is the same as for the Executive Committee.

- (3) The President is the authorized representative of the Association (§ 26 of the German Civil Code; *BGB*). The President convenes the General Meeting and the Executive Committee meetings, prepares the agendas for these meetings, presides over the meeting, leads the Association and represents the Association to the outside world.

The Vice President supports the President in his leadership duties and represents the President when he is unavailable.

Apart from their leadership duties, President and Vice President both have the right to exercise personal control over the management of any Association activity.

- (4) The duties of the Director of Testing consist of judge development, the establishment and revision of test regulations, the clarification of questions pertaining to test regulations in coordination with the Studbook Commission, the action response to and subsequent removal of irregularities identified at Association tests.
- (5) The Executive Committee constitutes a quorum with a minimum of 3 members present when all members have been invited. Written decisions by circular are permissible. Decisions are made by simple majority vote. In the event of a tie, the President shall have the final vote. Minutes must be taken during each Executive Committee meeting.

If at least 3 members on the Executive Committee request a meeting, the President shall convene such meeting within 14 days.

- (6) In the event that a member on the Executive Committee resigns prior to the end of a term, the President shall designate a successor who will serve in the resignee's position until the next General Meeting at which time a successor for the remaining legislative period will be elected.

In the event that the President resigns, the Vice President shall assume his function until the next General Meeting.

- (7) One year prior to new elections, the President shall instruct the Extended Executive Committee to form an Election Committee which is responsible for preparing and conducting elections as provided in the By-Laws. Such committee shall consist of five members, with one of them being the designated chairman who directs the elections.

Members on the Executive Committee may not be members on the Election Committee.

- (8) A meritorious President may be designated later as an honorary President by the General Meeting.

If so designated, he shall be invited to Executive Committee meetings and those of the Extended Executive Committee where he can act in an advisory capacity.

## § 9

### The Extended Executive Committee

- (1) The Extended Executive Committee consists of:
1. Members of the Executive Committee;
  2. the Managing Director;
  3. the Studbook Registrar and all members of the Studbook Commission;
  4. Representatives of
    - a) versatile hunting dog clubs (one representative for every 2000 members)
    - b) breed clubs (one representative for every 2000 members, not to exceed six representatives per breed club, including its subdivisions).
  5. One representative of the affiliated (German) county and district groups, and hunters' organizations within the German Association for Hunting Preservation (*DJV*);
  6. One each representative of affiliated clubs in other countries;
  7. One representative designated by German Association for Hunting Preservation (*DJV*);
  8. j One representative from each of the affiliated German State Hunting Associations (*LJV*);
  9. Legal Counsel of the Association;
  10. The Directors of Testing and Judging of the Association's state organizations.
- The number of members, in an election year, shall determine how many representatives each versatile hunting dog association and breed club may have.
- Representatives of versatile hunting dog associations shall elect one person from their group to be their spokesperson. During an election year, the spokesperson shall simultaneously convene a meeting of delegates from each versatile hunting dog association. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect new members to the Extended Executive Committee.
- The elected representatives will serve on the Extended Executive Committee for the duration of the legislative period. If unavailable, they may be represented by a designated representative announced to the President prior to the meeting.
- (2) The Extended Executive Committee shall be convened prior to each General Meeting. The President shall furthermore convene the Extended Executive Committee when immediate decisions of extraordinary significance must be made. He shall also convene the Extended Executive Committee within one month after at least 1/3 of its members have requested the meeting and provided the reasons therefore.
- (3) The Extended Executive Committee is responsible for the following tasks:
1. Advising the Executive Committee and assisting with its work;
  2. Preparing General Meetings;
  3. Designating the Election Committee which prepares elections.
- (4) The President presides over the meetings of the Extended Executive Committee, where minutes of the meeting shall be taken. The meetings of the Extended Executive Committee are closed to the public. Guests of the Executive Committee are permitted to attend the meetings of the Extended Executive Committee.



## § 10

### Association's State Organizations

Under the JGHV Policy of Procedures, JGHV member clubs and their subdivisions may join to form recognized State Organizations if they include at least 2/3 of all JGHV members in the state.

## § 11

### Disciplinary Committee

- (1) The Disciplinary Committee is elected during the General Meeting. It consists of two chambers (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> panel), each with a Chairman and 1st and 2nd associate. The Chairman must be qualified for the judicial office as defined by the German Justice Code (*DRiG*).
- (2) The Disciplinary Committee renders decisions in cases that are covered by the Disciplinary Regulations.
- (3) The assignment and the proceeding determine the Disciplinary Regulation, which is part of these By-Laws.
- (4) The Disciplinary Committee is independent in its decisions.
- (5) The compensation of the members of the Disciplinary Committee and the Legal Counsel will be decided by the Executive Committee after consultation with the members of the Disciplinary Committee.

## § 11a

### The Legal Counsel

- (1) The Legal Counsel is appointed and dismissed by the Executive Committee with a simple majority.
- (2) The Legal Counsel is an honorary capacity. He will be compensated in accordance with § 8 Abs. 2 of the By-Laws. See also § 11 (5) and § 12 (3) of the By-Laws.
- (3) The Legal Counsel shall undertake the necessary investigations in the context of disciplinary proceedings in accordance with the disciplinary regulations.
- (4) The Legal Counsel represents the interests of the Association, both before the Disciplinary Committee and the Association Court.
- (5) The Legal Counsel advises the Executive Committee.

## § 12

### Association Court

- (1) The Association shall establish an Arbitration Tribunal (Association Court). It is an institution and not body of the Association. The Association Court has total jurisdiction regarding all arbitration matters. No recourse may be sought through general courts. With respect to the subject matter, members are independent and are not subject to directives from the Association or member clubs.
- (2) The Constitution of the Association Court and its proceedings are governed by German Regulations regarding Association Courts (*VerbGO*). These regulations have been incorporated into the By-Laws.
- (3) The compensation of the members of the Association Court and of the Legal Counsel is decided by the Executive Committee after consulting the members of the Association Court.

## **§ 13**

### **Studbook Commission**

- (1) The Studbook Commission consists of the Studbook Registrar and five members who are elected during the General Meeting. One of the Commission members is the elected chairman. The Studbook Registrar may not be the Chairman of the Studbook Commission. Decisions are made by simple majority vote. In the event of a tie, the Chairman of the Studbook Commission shall cast the final vote.
- (2) The Director of Testing shall attend all meetings of the Studbook Commission. He shall attend in an advisory capacity.
- (3) The Studbook Commission is responsible for: preparing decisions regarding testing and judgeship; advising the Studbook Registrar in questionable cases on interpretation of test regulations; deciding when tests do not meet Association test requirements.
- (4) The respective member club may protest the decision by the Studbook Commission and file a grievance with the Executive Committee by submitting the protest to the Office within two months of the decision (the dated postmark will be the date used). The Executive Committee has the final decision on the grievance.
- (5) The Studbook Commission is further responsible for: reviewing test regulations under § 23 a) and b); establishing new test regulations under § 23 b). Only members of pointing dog breed clubs will be involved in the development of test regulations under § 23 b).
- (6) Minutes shall be taken during all meetings of the Studbook Commission. One copy of the minutes will be forwarded to the Office

### **Execution of Association Responsibilities**

## **§ 14**

### **Managing Director**

- (1) The Managing Director is appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee. He reports directly to the Executive Committee. His salary is determined in accordance with the (German) Salary Table for Government Employees (*BAT*).
- (2) He is responsible for the regular business of the Association. Utilizing the Association's decisions, he formulates necessary briefs and manages all correspondence resulting from Association's operations. In addition to taking and publishing the minutes of the General Meeting, he also maintains the judges' list. He proposes the budget and controls the Association's accounting system.

## **§ 15**

### **Studbook Registrar**

- (1) The Studbook Registrar is appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee; he reports directly to the President. His salary is determined in accordance with the (German) Salary Table for Government Employees (*BAT*).
- (2) He performs activities related to the management of the German Versatile Dog Studbook (*DGSfB*). He also monitors the correctness of test results, and corrects non-conforming test evaluations. In questionable cases, the Studbook Commission makes the final decision. He initiates decision of the Studbook Commission on non-conforming tests.

- (3) The Studbook Registrar in cooperation with the Managing Director is responsible for the printing of the Studbook (*DGStB*). The Studbook Registrar is also responsible for the accuracy of the reported test results.

## **§ 16**

### **Auditors**

The Auditors are responsible for reviewing the accuracy and propriety of the Association's accounting system. The review may be conducted as an interim audit during the fiscal year, but must be conducted as part of the final audit at the conclusion of a fiscal year.

The President may call for a certified audit for accuracy.

The result of the annual audit shall be documented in a final year end fiscal report. Such report must be one item on the agenda of the General Meeting and be presented by a certified auditor.

## **§ 17**

### **Fiscal Year**

Fiscal year is the calendar year.

## **§ 18**

### **Membership Dues**

- (1) Dues assessment is determined by the amount of members registered on January 1<sup>st</sup> of each fiscal year.

Not later than January 20<sup>th</sup> of each year, member clubs report their membership numbers to the Office using a questionnaire provided for this purpose. Member clubs which fail to report in a timely manner shall not have the right to vote.

The JGHV hunting dog movement serves hunting activities and hunters. Assessing dues to be paid by each member club is determined by the ratio of hunters versus non-hunters within each club.

If a club has less than 75% hunter members, dues will be proportionally fixed amounts. For further details see Membership Due Table in Annex B of the "Association Regulations".

The Association Office has the right to inspect a club's membership roster.

- (2) Non-voting members are exempt from paying dues.
- (3) The dues must be paid to the Association Treasurer not later than April 1<sup>st</sup> of each membership year. The right to vote shall be suspended as long as dues have not been paid.

## **§ 19**

### **Association Assets**

- (1) The assets of the Association are managed by the Managing Director. Assets which are not needed to cover recurring expenses must be invested in secure investments.
- (2) The Managing Director, with the approval of the Executive Committee, shall present the annual budget to the General Meeting.

After the budget has been approved by the General Meeting, allocations may not be increased without the consent of the Executive Committee.

- (3) Voluntary resignees, member clubs or individuals that have been expelled, are not entitled to any assets of the Association.

## § 20

### Merit Awards

The JGHV Executive Committee may confer merit awards for special services. See details in the current Regulation on Merit Awards in Annex C of the “Association Regulations”.

## § 21

### Official Association Publication

The newsletter “The Versatile Hunting Dog” (“*Der Jagdgebrauchshund*”) is the official publication of JGHV. Announcements by the Association become binding as soon as they are published in the newsletter.

## Testing System

## § 22

### Association Judges

- (1) The reputation and prestige of the versatile hunting dog movement are inevitably connected to the performance, knowledge, objectivity and integrity of Association Judges.
- (2) Details governing the Regulation on Association Judgeship may be found in Annex D of the “Association Regulations”.

## § 23

### Association Tests

- (1) A careful and objective breeding program based on scientific facts establishes the foundation necessary for the successful training of healthy hunting dogs with a solid and sociable temperament which are ready to meet whatever task is set before them. A breeding program with these inherent elements fulfills all aspects of an ethical approach to the game hunted and the hunting dog.

The testing system serves to determine the performance capability of hunting dogs in a hunting domain; breeders' interest in the collective representation of a single breed; and establishes the basis for the evaluation system.

- (2) Each of the Association member clubs listed in § 3 (1) no. 1 a through e of the By-Laws is authorized – based on their membership – to conduct tests in compliance with JGHV Test Regulations and General Guidelines.
- (3) The testing system distinguishes between:
  - a) Tests and performance awards of a general applicable nature (e.g. blood tracking test *VSwP*, test after the shot *VPS*, retrieve reliability test *Btr*, Armbruster Halt award etc.) Regulations for these tests and awards are adopted during the General Meeting
  - b) Standardized breed and utility tests for pointing dogs (*VJP*, *HZP*, *VGP*) to ensure the comparability and preservation of a performance standard that is suitable for hunting practices. Such test regulations are established and adopted during the

General Meeting by pointing dog breed clubs and clubs that regularly, but at a minimum every two years, conduct these tests,

- c) Miscellaneous tests established and adopted by breed clubs.
- (4) Any dog of a **recognized** hunting breed may participate in the tests described in (3) above. Recognized hunting breeds are:
- a) Hunting dogs which are registered in a registry of a breed club or breed association that are affiliated as members with JGHV and the German Kennel Club *VDH*, as well as hunting dogs bred in *VJT* and *VJB* (grandfather clause);
  - b) Hunting dogs bred in other countries; their breed must be represented in the respective country by a breed club with a registry, membership affiliation with JGHV, and their pedigrees must carry the *FCI* stamp.
  - c) Hunting dogs which are registered by a breed club or breed association, and qualify because their registration papers carry the official symbol of the "*Sperlingshund*", the JGHV logo.
- (5) In addition, any dog of **admissible** status may participate in the performance tests described in (3) b above (such as *VGP*, *VSwP*, *VFSP*, *VStP* tests). Admissible dogs are:
- a) Dogs of certain hunting breeds and their offspring bred in other countries which are not included in category (4) b above, but possess an FCI recognized pedigree the authenticity of which has been verified by the German Kennel Club *VDH*; and
  - b) Hunting dogs of certain breeds bred in Germany which possesses the pedigree of a breed club that is a *VDH* member but not a JGHV member..
- (6) Transitional provision: Above stipulations shall come into force on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011.

The status of admissibility shall be conferred by singular act upon the respective breed by the Executive Committee of the JGHV in coordination with the German Kennel Club *VDH*. The decision to confer the status shall be based on the purpose of the Association; the decision is revocable.

## § 24

### **German Versatile Dog Studbook (*Deutsches Gebrauchshund-Stammbuch*)**

- (1) The Association manages a special performance studbook by the name "German Versatile Dog Studbook" (*DGStB*). In accordance with the decision by the Association Founders Meeting on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 1899, this Studbook has become an institution of the Association. The Association is the proprietor of this Studbook. Printing and publication are executed by order of the Association.
- (2) Every member club, with the exception of non-voting members, is obligated to purchase a minimum of two copies of each updated volume at a cost determined by the Executive Committee.

The Studbook Registry and the Archive shall collect and keep on file one set of all printed and published volumes of the Studbook (*DGStB*).

The format of the Studbook (*DGStB*) is described in Annex E of the "Association Regulations"

## **Transitional and Final Provisions**

### **§ 25**

#### **Transitional Provisions**

Until such time that guidelines and regulations contained in the Association Regulations have been legally adopted, the current provisions shall remain in force.

As a singular occurrence, the members of the Studbook Commission, the Association Court and Auditors shall be elected during the General Meeting in 2006 for a 2-year period only.

With respect to the requirements of § 4, the current status of the member clubs shall prevail.

### **§ 26**

#### **Final Provision**

In the event that the Association is dissolved, a General Meeting shall be held to decide on the dispersion of the Association assets. Dispersion must be confined to non-profit hunting-related activities, or to a donation to the German Red Cross

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