



Chapter 2 Show Regulations (updated April 2023)

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Section 32 Scheduling and Invitation of Judges

- a) An event shall not be scheduled on the same date as another URKA Inc. event.
- b) Clubs located within a 500-mile radius of each other may not schedule the same judge(s) for event(s) scheduled within (6) six months prior to an event request that is in progress or confirmed without the approval of the EB or club who is in the process of or scheduled the judge.
- c) Clubs must submit a completed Event Request form to the DOR with a list of the judges they would like to invite. The Board will contact the proposed judges with a formal invite.
- d) The DOR shall, upon receipt of the Event Request form, present the event request to the board for its review and approval. During this time the Board will request approval from the American Rottweiler Club (ARC) to hold the event on the requested date and to invite the requested judge(s) if FCI/ADRK.
- e) Upon the receipt of a letter of release from ARC a letter shall be sent to the National Kennel Club of the prospective judge(s), including a copy of the ARC approval letter, requesting their release of said judge(s). A copy shall also be sent to the prospective judge(s).
- f) Pre-advertisement. Upon the approval of the ARC the requesting club(s) can pre-advertise the event(s) date and location but not with the judge.
- g) At this time the DOR shall complete the contract with all required signatures including those of the judge(s). Digital signatures are allowed. If the club(s) so desire, they may submit a completed Judge Contract form to the DOR for signatures.

- h) Full advertisement. Upon completion of the Judges Contract, including signatures, the DOR shall inform the club(s) that they can advertise the name of the judge(s) for their event(s).
- i) The URKA is fully committed to the success of the events of its clubs. For that success, clubs need to apply as early as possible.

Section 33 Grants and Sponsorship

URKA inc. will offer sponsorship for the Miesterschaft, an IGP major event for the working Rottweiler. Maximum of \$700.00 based on available funds.

URKA inc. will offer sponsorship for major sieger events to help with costs to provide mandatory ZTP and Advanced Breed Surveys to participants and other participant benefits provided. Maximum of \$500.00 based on available funds.

Membership funds can at no time be used to the benefit one person.

Sponsorship is given based on available funds, organizers should discuss the amount of money granted with the DOR upon submission of a major event request.

Section 34 Advertising of Events

- a. Judges are not to be advertised until confirmation from ARC has been received and a judge's contract has been signed.
- b. URKA Inc. logo must be present
- c. Member club logo must be present
- d. ADRK World Family Logo must be present
- e. ADRK official club logo can only be present when an ADRK judge is presiding.
- f. Judges name and license of affiliation (ADRK, FCI, URKA Inc,ect) or TBA
- g. Date of event
- h. Location
- i. Closing date of event – No entreis can be accepted past closing date unless for entry into Exhibition or Junior handling when offered. This is offered at the organizers' discretion. (See Section 9)
- j. Entry fees are non-refundable
- k. Entries available on Zooza (soon or now)
- l. Type of event being offered properly named as per Chapt 1 – Sect 20

Section 35 Premium list (Sample provided on URKA website or from the DOR

Premium list must be available when entries are open on Zooza, min of 6 weeks prior to the event.

Templates of the premium list are available.

Information that must be included:

Location Address

Directions to event location

Host Hotels

Emergency Vet office

Nearest airport to fly into

Section 36 Show Catalogs

1. Printed or typed catalogs must be available at all shows, breed surveys and standard evaluations for purchase. All dogs shown must be listed in the catalog. The following information must appear on the cover of the catalog:

- State the event is sanctioned by URKA Inc.
- Name of Show
- Hosting Club
- Date of Show

- Judge(s) Name(s)
- URKA Inc. logo
- Member club logo
- The vet location, including the address and phone number

2. The following information must be shown for each entry in the catalog

- Catalog Number (a unique, sequential number assigned to each entry)
- Registered name of dog. No call name will be printed in the catalog
- Registration number from the national kennel club
- Tattoo or microchip number. AKC registered dogs should have a letter from their vet stating the registered name of the dog and permanent identification number found on the dog
- Date of Birth
- Sex
- Hip certification for all entries. If a hip certification is not provided on the entry form the phrase "not available" will be used.
- Registered name of sire
- Registered name of dam
- Name of Breeder
- Name and Address of Owner(s)
- The words "**FOR SALE**" shall not appear in the class entry section in any manner
- Kennel names are not permitted in the breeder and owner information line of the entry form or in the class entry section of the catalog

3. Catalogs must include the following paragraphs

The SE (Standard Evaluation) is not a breed test. URKA Inc. encourages all breeders to place SE on their breeding stock as URKA Inc. believes breeders should know the measurements of dogs they are breeding as well as eye colour. The SE ensures the dog has a passing hip and elbow rating, JLPP tested and is free of disqualifying fault under FCI standard. Puppy buyers are encouraged to only purchase pups whose parents possess either a SE or a Ztp. The dog must have a passing hip and elbow rating, have been tested for JLPP and have permanent identification (tattoo or microchip). Once the conformation and soundness qualifications have been met, the dog's traffic sureness is tested. This test includes a gun sureness test and a test to ensure the dog is stable around the public. If a dog has a SE and loses a tooth, the dog may still be bred and may also attempt the Ztp.

The Ztp (Zuchttauglichkeitsprüfung) is designed to select those Rottweilers who are worthy of being bred. The dog's conformation must be judged of breeding quality and free of disqualifying faults. The dog must have a BH, passing hip and elbow rating, have been tested for JLPP and have permanent identification (tattoo or microchip). Once the conformation and soundness qualifications have been met, the dog's temperament is tested. This test includes a gun sureness test, a protection test, and a test to ensure the dog is stable around the public. The Rottweiler Klub of North America Inc. strongly believes that these tests are vital to maintaining the Rottweiler in type and temperament and should be the foundation of any breeding program.

Gekört is designed to select those Rottweilers who are the best dogs in order to improve the overall qualities of the Rottweiler. Males must be IGP 3 and females IGP 1, must have an AD and three show ratings under two different judges of SG or better. The protection routine shall be the FCI IGP 3 protection routine. The IGP rule book can be downloaded from the URKA Inc. website.

The Gekört bis EzA may be attempted 24 months after a dog has earned the Gekört is the highest breed suitability title available and is the lifetime breed suitability test. A dog must have sired/whelped two litters where all offspring are free of disqualifying fault according to FCI standard.

Working Class - to compete in this class a dog must have earned an IGP title which is an internationally recognized temperament test for the working breeds. The dog must pass a tracking test, an obedience test and a protection test. The exercises in all three phases of the

tests are designed to demonstrate the dog's natural drive to work for a handler as well as the strength of character that it takes to have those drives molded into a disciplined behavior. It is the goal of the Rottweiler Klub of North America Inc. to promote the working Rottweiler through the IGP sport

AWARDS offered – Champion program and Health Awards (insert will be provided by EB)

Section 37 Host Club Responsibilities –

Listing Fees

1. Shall pay a listing fee for each dog who participates in a regular or nonregular class at a show, standard evaluation, breed survey.
 - (1) Listing fee of 4.00 if one show is held.
 - (2) Listing fees for multiple shows as follows 4.00 for the show with the highest attendance, 2.00 for second show and 0.00 for the third show held based on being on a Friday or Monday.

Breed and Sieger shows- Host Club Responsibilities

2. The host club:
 - A. Is responsible to maintain peace, harmony and professionalism at an event between all entrants, spectators and guests who are in attendance at an event.
 - B. Must provide a venue that has sufficient parking, can accommodate a ring size of 75 x 75, toilets, benching space with ring access.
 - C. Is responsible to have a copy of the URKA Inc. Policy & Procedures Manual, on hand during an event. It is recommended the club have a printed copy on hand compared to an electronic version.
 - D. Is responsible to have an Event Secretary, Ring Steward and Typist in place.
 - E. Shall provide a translator if necessary. The translator must be capable of quickly and accurately translating the judge's remarks. The translator shall not provide translation for any dog he owns, co-owns or lives with. The translator must be available to meet the judge when he/she arrives and to stay with the judge at all times except when the judge has returned to his/her hotel room for the evening.
 - F. Shall provide a typist with a minimum typing speed of 65 wpm who is familiar with the words the judge will be using as well as who is familiar with working with pdf files.
 - G. Shall provide a 4 foot x 8 foot piece of plywood or level cement surface for the dogs to stand on while being measured for the SE and breed surveys.
 - H. Must advertise the date, time and location of the standard evaluation and breed survey tests in the show premium.
 - I. Shall download URKA Inc. forms to be used at the URKA event from the URKA website. Only URKA Forms may be used.
 - J. Shall issue required certificates signed by the judge to each entrant.
 - K. Shall provide arm band numbers for each entrant.
 - L. Shall provide a public address system in working condition with amicrophone.
 - M. Shall ensure the following equipment is available for all standard evaluations and breed surveys (either provided by Host Club or arranged for the judge to bring them): eye chart, wicket, head/skull measurement device, metric tape measure, scales (optional if veterinarian weight certificates are required).
3. Shall email the following info@unitedROTTklub.com within 14 days of the event. Failure to submit complete event paperwork and listing fees within 14 days of an event shall result in an automatic fine. All documents should be sent using a free file transfer program *www.wetransfer.com or Drop Box*
 - A. Shows:
 1. Copy of each critique
 2. Copy of each major certificate issued
 3. Real Time Summary Sheets - the data base will generate this for shows.
 4. Trials, breed surveys and standard evaluations - typed results sheet detailing event date, judge, host club, the registered name of dog, class dog entered in and result.

5. Copies of all support documentation for entries accepted outside of Zooza which includes the entry form, dog's registration and proof of any title printed in the catalog
 6. Marked catalog - all regular entries in a regular class, standard evaluation or breed survey must be recorded in the catalog. *If a late entry is accepted at check-in, all catalogs must have a label inserted with the required information that is listed on each dog. Omitted Sept 01, 2021*
- B. Standard Evaluations & Breed Surveys
1. A completed form for each standard evaluation or breed survey attempted (pass or fail) signed by the judge and event secretary. The original must be given to the entrant at the event.
 2. Copy of the certificate issued to each dog who passed.
 3. Typed results sheet detailing event date, judge, host club, the registered name of dog, class dog entered in and result.
3. Breed Surveys - Host Club Responsibilities. The host club:
- A. Shall have a Breed Survey Secretary who is a current member of URKA. This Secretary is responsible for the preparation and completion of the required paperwork for the Breed Surveys. He/she must be knowledgeable in all Breed Survey procedures. The Breed Survey Secretary may not sign any paperwork on a dog he/she owns, co-owns or lives with and may not be an entrant or handler at the Breed Survey.
 - B. Shall ensure the helper is skilled and capable of catching dogs safely. The host club shall not permit any helper to be helper during a breed survey test on any dog that the helper owns, co-owns or lives with. The host club shall ensure the helper uses the same trial sleeve on all dogs. The sleeve used at a breed survey must be a regulation trial sleeve with the sleeve cover in good repair.
 - C. Shall provide a translator if necessary. The translator must be capable of quickly and accurately translating the judges' remarks. This may be done by more than one person. A translator shall not provide translation for his or her own dog.
 - D. Shall provide a typist with a minimum typing speed of 65 wpm who is familiar with the words the judge will be using as well as who is familiar with working with pdf files.
 - E. Shall provide a 4x8-ft. piece of plywood or cement surface for the dogs to stand on while being measured.
 - F. Shall download Ztp, and/or Gekört forms from the URKA Inc. website. Only URKA Inc. forms may be used.
 - G. Shall provide numbers for each Ztp and/or Gekört entrant.
 - H. Shall provide a working public address system with microphone.
 - I. Shall provide at least 5-8 people to form a group during the temperament testing. The group should stay the same for all the entries.
 - J. Shall provide an advertised time and place for open helper tryouts for the event.
 - K. Shall provide a 22 short blank pistol or its equivalent.
 - L. Shall ensure the following equipment is available for all breed surveys:
 - eye chart
 - wicket
 - head/skull measurement device
 - metric tape measure

Section 38 Show Officials – Show Secretaries – Ring Stewards

Show Secretary

1. Show Secretary cannot sign paperwork on any dog that he/she owns, co-owns or lives with and may not handle any dog inside or outside the ring.
2. Clubs hosting large events or Surveys only may designate a Breed Survey Secretary to handle paperwork concerning SE, BSE and ZTP. Breed Survey Secretary must be a current member of URKA Inc.
3. Breed Survey Secretary cannot sign paperwork on any dog that he/she owns, co-owns or lives with and may not handle any dog inside or outside the ring or on the field.

4. The club shall ensure that the designate is thoroughly familiar with the responsibilities of the position. A checklist is available on the URKA Inc. website.
5. May not not participate as a ring steward while in the capacity of a secretary.
6. Must ensure all results and documentation are completed correctly and completely
7. Must be completely familiar with URKA Inc. paperwork, policy and procedures.
8. Must make sure the comfort of the judge is taken care of - ie make sure bottled water is always available, make sure the judge is the first person served when lunch or dinner is held and will transport the judge between locations - ie in the case of trials between the tracking fields and the trial field,
9. Must ensure there is a microchip reader on hand that will read all chips.
10. Must ensure there are four designated individuals for a group. It is suggested the group stay in an area roped off with chairs so that they are available when needed in the heeling pattern.
11. Must ensure a starter pistol is on hand with blanks for trials and breed surveys.
12. Must refund any entry that is being declined due to lack of support documentation on or before the event closing date. Any entries that have not been refunded by the closing date must be printed in the catalog. The Event Secretary must notify the entrant that if the support documentation is not presented at check-in, the entrant shall not be allowed to participate in the class entered and no money shall be refunded. The Event Secretary shall mark in the marked catalog: declined - no proof of registration

Section 39 Standard Evaluation (SE) (ADRK - BSE)

The SE is not a breed survey. Dogs that pass are certified that the dog has a passing hip and elbow rating, confirms full dentition and correct scissor bite, and is free of disqualifying faults under FCI standard with correct temperament. If a dog has an SE and loses a tooth, the dog may still attempt the Ztp.

Both the SE and BSE are offered at URKA Inc. events. When an FCI or URKA Inc, Judge are utilized the evaluation is recognized as an URKA Inc. SE, when an ADRK judge is utilized the evaluation is recognized as an ADRK BSE.

Obtain URKA Inc. SE – Owner pays host club entry fee, receives a signed evaluation form and certificate signed by the judge and breed test secretary.

Obtain ADRK BSE – Owner pays host club entry fee - upon passing the test has the option to pay a recording fee to the ADRK. If the entry fee only is paid then the owner receives a ADRK form signed by the judge. If the recording fee is paid then the owner will receive ADRK signed form, ADRK certificate and letter mailed from Germany and BSE is recorded in that years stud book and Dogbase.

1. **PROCEDURE:**
 - A. The tattoo or microchip number shall be read out loud to confirm the ID at the beginning of the evaluation.
 - B. Dogs will be weighed, measured and critiqued. Character traits of the dog become more or less apparent during the weighing and measuring process.
 - C. Once the conformation and soundness qualifications have been met, the dog's traffic sureness is tested. This test includes a gun sureness test and a test to ensure the dog is stable around the public.
2. The following tests will be done to establish the interaction in a group and sensitivity to noise.
 - A. **THE GROUP.** The handler with dog on leash walks through a group of five to eight people. The handler and dog return to the center of the group where the dog sits. The group, when instructed by the judge, converges on the dog and handler and remains there until told by the judge to disperse.
 - B. **GUN FIRE.** The handler and dog walk away from the judge. At a minimum distance of fifteen paces, a 22 short blank starter pistol, or its equivalent, is fired twice with a short interval in between each shot. Should the dog have a reaction to the gunfire, this exercise may be varied and repeated at the judge's discretion. If the dog continues to show a strong reaction to gunfire, the test is stopped and the dog is deemed not breed worthy.

- C. **GUN FIRE REACTION IN GENERAL:** No reaction or slight reactions (like turning towards the noise) are both considered to be acceptable reactions. Jumping is considered faulty, and trying desperately to run away is considered very faulty and if repeated can cause the dog to fail.
- D. **NOISE SENSITIVITY:** The sound sensitivity and the behavior against peaceful persons in a quiet environment it tested. On the way to the group of people and after the gun shot evaluation, the dog and handler walk through the group of people while on leash, at a time instructed by the Judge a canister with rocks, coins, fursaver collar, ect is shaken near to the dog to create an acoustic stimulus. The noise exercise is repeated up to two more times at the judge's discretion. The dog should be free and open minded in every exercise. If a dog shows undesirable reactions to the noise he is excluded from further examination. The noise evaluation may vary pending the Judge's preference.
3. The SE dogs can be grouped with the Ztp dogs so all the SE and Ztp dogs are tested for their interaction in a group and sensitivity to noise at the same time.
4. **HOST CLUBS RESPONSIBILITIES:**
- L. Shall provide a 4x8-ft. piece of plywood or cement surface for the dogs to stand on while being measured.
 - M. Must advertise the date, time and location of the SE in the show premium.
 - N. Shall download SE forms from the club website. Only URKA Inc. forms may be used.
 - O. Shall provide numbers for each SE entrant.
 - P. Shall provide a working public address (PA) system with microphone.
 - Q. Shall provide at least 5-8 people to form a group during the temperament testing. The group should stay the same for all the entries.
 - R. Shall provide a 22 short blank pistol or its equivalent.
 - S. Shall ensure the following equipment is available for the SE.
 - eye chart
 - wicket
 - head/skull measurement device
 - metric tape measure
 - T. Properly complete the SE form, provide a copy for the Judge, owner and provide a signed by Judge copy for URKA Inc. records. A photo can be taken of the signed form and submitted to the URKA Inc. if a photocopier/scanner is not on hand.
 - J. Provide participant with an official host club SE certificate upon passing.

Section 40 Breed Surveys (Ztp and Advanced Breed Survey (Gekört)

The breed surveys are an evaluation of a dog's temperament, character and working ability. They are designed to select those Rottweilers who are worthy of being bred and are modeled after the standards of the ADRK's breed test.

There are two levels Breed Survey (ZTP) and Advanced Breed Survey (Gekört) and Gekört bis EZA.

The name of the events for the advanced breed survey tests is called the Körung. The title earned at a dog's first Körung is Gekört. The title earned at a dog's second Körung is Gekört bis EZA which is the lifetime breed survey test (Lifetime Korung). The Gekört must be offered at the URKA Inc. Spring Sieger Show and the URKA Inc. Klub Sieger Show. The Gekört is optional to be offered at the Meisterschaft.

1. **Zuchtauglichkeitsprüfung (Ztp).** The dog's conformation must be judged of breeding quality and free of disqualifying faults. Once the conformation and soundness qualifications have been met, the dog's temperament is tested. This test includes a gun sureness test, a protection test and a test to ensure the dog is stable around the public. The Rottweiler Klub of North America Inc. strongly believes that these tests are vital to maintaining the Rottweiler in type and temperament. Dogs can only attempt breed survey titles three times. Upon the third failure, a dog may not attempt the test again.
2. **ZTP INFORMATION FOR OWNERS/HANDLERS**
 - A. The owner and/or handler of any dog are liable for any damage caused by his or her dog.
 - B. The entry form and copies of all required documents for the breed survey must be sent to the Breed Survey Secretary before the entry closing date.

- C. Dogs born in countries where docking is forbidden by law shall be shown with the tail left in its natural state. If the tail has been docked, the dog shall not be allowed to participate.
 - D. The only collar allowed is a fur saver.
 - E. There shall be no preference in critiquing dogs with docked tails or for dogs with tails left in the natural state.
 - F. It must be possible to identify the dog by means of a tattoo number or microchip. A microchip reader must be provided by the dog's owner and/or handler.
 - G. A breed survey judge must be a licensed ADRK show judge, ADRK Körmeister or URKA Inc. Breed Judge.
 - H. Any judge invited to evaluate a breed survey must abide by the rules as outlined in the Policy Manual.
 - I. A member of the URKA Executive Board or a URKA Regional Director may request to terminate any breed survey found to be in violation of URKA policies and procedures as outlined in the Manual.
 - J. The judgment of the Körmeister or Judge is final. No appeals are possible.
 - K. Only Rottweilers registered with a national registry who meet the following criteria by the event closing date are eligible for the breed survey:
 - The dog must have a passing hip and elbow certification from the ADRK, FCI or OFA.
 - The dog must have a minimum BH degree under FCI rules.
 - L. Originals of the following documents must be submitted to the Breed Survey Secretary the date of the breed survey. Entry to the breed survey will not be accepted without presenting the following original documents prior to taking the test:
 1. Registration for the dog being entered.
 2. Scorebook showing titles earned (minimum of BH), scorebook number, and registered name of the dog.
 3. Passing hip and elbow certification.
 4. Weight certificate dated within 20 days of test date.
 - M. Sick dogs are not to be presented. The judge is to be made aware of any females in heat in order to coordinate their participation.
 - N. Dogs shall be judged first, followed by bitches with bitches in season last.
 - O. If a dog fails a breed survey, two more attempts may be made unless the judge indicates that a retest will not be allowed.
 - P. The handler may hold the dog's collar when the group converges on the dog in the traffic sureness test
3. **ZTP PROCEDURE (Evaluation and Performance Routine).**
- A. The Host Club is responsible for providing a written explanation of the test to exhibitors. A dog must pass measuring and be critiqued before being allowed to proceed to protection. A dog must pass protection to proceed to the traffic sureness test.
 - B. Clubs should work with the Helper Committee or EB to ensure qualified helpers are secured (See Helper Section) The helper must work all dogs in an equal manner and should not be overly hard at any time. The stick hits should be moderate and a leather covered stick must be used. The sleeve should be broken in but not mutilated. Helpers must wear a trial jacket and trial helper pants. Helpers may not be the helper at any URKA Inc. event for any dog he/she owns, co- owns or lives with.
 - C. The FCI Standard for the Rottweiler will be used for judging this event with the exception that docked dogs will be allowed to participate.
 - D. The tattoo or microchip number shall be read out loud as part of the measuring and critique. Dogs will be weighed, measured and critiqued. A weight certificate (issued within 10 days of the test) may be substituted for weighing the dog if no scale is available. Character traits of the dog become more or less apparent during the weighing and measuring process.

The following tests will be done to establish the interaction in a group and sensitivity to noise. **The following tests may be done on leash, off leash or a combination of both at the Judge's discretion. The leash requirement must be the same for all dogs entered on the day.**

- THE GROUP. The handler with dog on leash walks through a group of five to eight people. The handler and dog return to the center of the group where the dog sits. The

group, when instructed by the judge, converges on the dog and handler and remains there until told by the judge to disperse. At the Judge's discretion, the handler may hold the dog's collar when the group converges on the dog.

- GUN FIRE. The handler and dog walk away from the judge. At a minimum distance of fifteen paces, a 22 short blank starter pistol, or its equivalent, is fired twice with a short interval in between each shot. Should the dog have a reaction to the gunfire, this exercise may be varied and repeated at the judge's discretion. If the dog continues to show a strong reaction to gunfire, the test is stopped and the dog is deemed not breed worthy.
- GUN FIRE REACTION IN GENERAL: No reaction or a slight reaction (like turning towards the noise) are both considered to be acceptable reactions. Jumping is considered faulty, and trying desperately to run away is considered very faulty and if repeated can cause the dog to fail.
- NOISE SENSITIVITY: The sound sensitivity and the behavior against peaceful persons in a quiet environment it tested. On the way to the group of people and after the gun shot evaluation, the dog and handler walk through the group of people while on leash, at a time instructed by the Judge a canister with rocks, coins, fursaver collar, ect is shaken near to the dog to create an acoustic stimulus. The noise exercise is repeated up to two more times at the judge's discretion. The dog should be free and open minded in every exercise. If a dog shows undesirable reactions to the noise he is excluded from further examination. The noise evaluation may vary pending the Judge's preference.

ZTP PROTECTION PERFORMANCE ROUTINE

E.

- ~~effective October 15, 2015, the protection routine shall be the ADRK Ztp protection routine which is the FCI IPO1 protection:~~
- **Effective April 24, 2023, the protection routine for the ZTP, as per the ADRK shall be the FCI IGP 1 protection routine with following exceptions regarding taking hold of the dogs collar. There are no stick hits as per FCI ruling 01/01/2023.**
- **The Hold and Bark?? - Upon instruction from the judge, the handler can walk up to the dog in the blind and take hold of the dog's collar and heal the dog back to the designated position for the call out exercise.**
- **The handler will then order the Helper out of blind, and then proceed to bring dog by collar to designated down position. drag dog from the blind and then call out the helper.**
- **The Escape and re-attack will proceed as normal, after the out, the handler will return to the dog at the judges signal.**
- **At the judge's signal, the handler can either take hold of the dogs collar or attach the leash to it. The handler will then lead the dog down the field to set up for the long bite.**
- ~~After the out on the long bite, the handler can grab the dog's collar and keep hold of it while heeling to the far end of the field for the long bite.~~
- **After the out on the long bite, at the judge's signal, the handler will return to the dog and place the leash on the collar.**
- **The handler will preform the side transport exercise back to the judge.**

The FCI IGP rule book can be downloaded from the URKA Inc. website.

- ~~Clubs must supply two demo dogs which can be alternate breeds. Dogs entered in the Ztp may not be used as one of the demo dogs.~~

4. **ZTP HOST CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES** The host club:
 - A. Shall have a Breed Survey Secretary who is a current member of URKA. This Secretary is responsible for the preparation and completion of the required paperwork for the Breed Surveys. He/she must be knowledgeable in all Breed Survey procedures. The Breed Survey Secretary may not sign any paperwork on a dog he/she owns, co-owns or lives with and may not be an entrant or handler at the Breed Survey.
 - B. Shall ensure the helper is skilled and capable of catching dogs safely. The host club shall not permit any helper to be helper during a breed survey test on any dog that the helper owns, co-owns or lives with. The host club shall ensure the helper uses the same trial sleeve on all dogs. The sleeve used at a breed survey must be a regulation trial sleeve with the sleeve cover in good repair.
 - C. Shall provide a translator if necessary. The translator must be capable of quickly and accurately translating the judges' remarks. This may be done by more than one person. A translator shall not provide translation for his or her own dog.
 - D. Shall provide a 4x8-ft. piece of plywood or cement surface for the dogs to stand on while being measured.
 - E. Must advertise the date, time and location of the Ztp and/or the Gekört in the show premium.
 - F. Shall download Ztp, and/or Gekört forms from the URKA website. Only URKA forms may be used.
 - G. Shall provide numbers for each Ztp and/or Gekört entrant.
 - H. Shall provide a working public address system with microphone.
 - I. Shall provide at least 5-8 people to form a group during the temperament testing. The group should stay the same for all the entries.
 - J. **Demo Dog – when possible, it is suggested that the club provide a demo dog before the protection phase to demonstrate the routine.**

- K. Shall provide an advertised time and place for open helper tryouts for the event.
 - L. Shall provide a 22 short blank pistol or its equivalent.
 - M. Properly complete the Breed Survey form, provide a copy for the Judge, owner and provide a signed by Judge copy for URKA records. A photo can be taken of the signed form and submitted to the URKA if a photocopier is not on hand.
 - J. Provide participants with an official host club Breed Survey certificate upon passing.
5. Shall ensure the following equipment is available for all breed surveys:
- A. eye chart
 - B. wicket
 - C. head/skull measurement device
 - D. metric tape measure
6. **Gekört (First Körung) or Gekört bis EzA (Lifetime Körung) Test is called the Körung titles earned are Gekört and Gekört bis EzA**
Information for Owners/Handlers
- A. The owner and/or handler of any dog are liable for any damage caused by his or her dog.
 - B. The entry form for Gekört or Gekört bis EzA must be sent to the Breed Survey Secretary before the entry closing date.
 - C. Dogs born in countries where docking is forbidden by law shall be shown with the tail left in its natural state. If the tail has been docked, the dog shall not be allowed to participate.
 - D. There shall be no preference in critiquing dogs with docked tails or for dogs with tails left in the natural state.
 - E. It must be possible to identify the dog by means of a tattoo number or microchip. A microchip reader must be provided by the dog's owner or handler.
 - F. The following original documents must be submitted to the Breed Survey Secretary on the day of the Gekört:
 - Registration papers for the dog entered.
 - URKA or ADRK Ztp Certificate or URKA or ADRK Gekört Certificate if entering a Gekört bis EzA
 - Scorebook showing titles earned, show ratings, scorebook number, and full registered name of the dog
 - Passing hip and elbow certification from ADRK, FCI or OFA.
 - Three (3) show critiques with show ratings of SG or higher.
 - G. A certificate confirming litter registration requirements with a national breed registry if entering a lifetime Gekört.
 - H. Should any of the requirements not be fulfilled prior to the start of the Körung (test), the dog shall not perform the test and the entry will not be refunded.
7. **First Körung - Gekört Prerequisites**
- A. A male must be a minimum of thirty-six (36) months of age. A bitch must be a minimum of thirty (30) months of age.
 - B. The dog must have passed a URKA Ztp or ADRK Ztp prior to the entry closing date.
 - C. The dog must have obtained three (3) show critiques with a SG or V Rating from two different judges.
 - D. A male must have passed an **IGP 3** title. A bitch must have passed an **IGP 1** title.
 - E. The dog must have passed an Endurance Test (AD).
 - F. The dog must have correct mouth pigmentation and dark eyes (1a - 3a).
 - G. Dogs may enter the Gekört (First Körung) in spite of lost teeth provided copies of the dog's URKA or ADRK Ztp and three (3) show critiques from adult classes showing complete scissors bite are submitted with the entry and the original documentation is presented on the day of the Körung.
 - H. A dog must pass measuring and be critiqued before being allowed to proceed to protection. A dog must pass protection to proceed to the traffic sureness test.
8. **Lifetime Körung - Gekört bis EzA Prerequisites**
- A. The dog must have previously passed the URKA or ADRK First Gekört.
 - B. The lifetime Gekört may be attempted no sooner than the third Körung event after the First Gekört was earned and no later than two (2) years.

- C. After passing a first Gekört and before attempting a lifetime Gekört a male must have sired at least three (3) litters registered with a national breed registry. A bitch must have whelped at least one (1) litter registered with a national breed registry. All pups must be free of disqualifying fault.
 - D. Dogs may enter a lifetime Gekört in spite of lost teeth provided copies of the dog's First Gekört and three (3) show critiques from adult classes showing complete scissors bite are submitted with the entry and the original documentation is presented on the day of the Körung.
9. **First Gekört and Lifetime Gekört Evaluation and Performance Routine held at Körungs**
- a. The purpose of the first Gekört and lifetime Gekört bis EzA is to find the best dogs in order to improve the overall qualities of the Rottweiler.
 - b. The protection routine shall be the FCI IGP 3 protection routine. The IGP rule book can be downloaded from the URKA website.
10. Additional information regarding breed surveys
- A. The President of URKA, or a person delegated by him/her, will officiate at all Körung events. The delegate must have experience in the Körung.
 - B. The President, or delegate appointed by The President, the Director of Regions, or delegate appointed by the Director of Regions, and the judge shall oversee the helper selection, their equipment and helper work for all breed surveys at the URKA Inc. Spring Sieger Show, URKA Inc. Klub Sieger Show and Meisterschaft, according to the guidelines set by the Board.
 - C. The helper must work all dogs in an equal manner and should not be overly hard at any time. The stick hits should be moderate and a leather covered stick must be used. The sleeve should be broken in but not mutilated. Helpers must wear a Trial Jacket and Trial Pants. Helpers may not be helper for any dog he/she owns, co-owns or lives with.
 - D. The only collar allowed is a fur saver.
 - E. All dogs entered for a breed survey at an event must be worked on the same trial sleeve. F
 - F. Dogs shall be judged first, followed by bitches with bitches in season last.
 - G. The judgment of the Körmeister or Judge is final. No appeals are possible.
 - H. If a dog fails a first Gekört one more attempt may be made. If a dog fails a lifetime Gekört one more attempt may be made within 2 years of the first attempt.
 - I. The Körung results (pass or fail) will be posted on the URKA Inc. website.
 - J. The Host Club is responsible for providing a written explanation of the test to exhibitors.
 - K. For the Gekört a performance level higher than that of a URKA Inc. Ztp and with greater character examination is required.
 - L. Dogs will be weighed, measured and critiqued. A weight certificate (issued within 20 days of the test) may be substituted for weighing the dog if no scale is available.
 - M. The tattoo or microchip number shall be read out loud as part of the measuring and critique.
 - N. The following tests will be done to establish the interaction in a group and sensitivity to noise:
 - 1. The Group. The handler with dog on leash walks through a group of five to eight people. The handler and dog return to the center of the group where the dog sits. The group, when instructed by the judge, converges on the dog and handler and remains there until told by the judge to disperse.
 - 2. The Gun. The handler and dog walk away from the judge. At a distance of fifteen paces, a 22 short blank starter pistol, or its equivalent, is fired twice with a short interval in between each shot. Should the dog have a reaction to the gunfire, this exercise may be varied and repeated at the judge's discretion. If the dog continues to show a strong reaction to gunfire, the test is stopped and the dog is deemed not breed worthy.
11. Additional information.
- A. Further character examination will be performed analogously to the IGP 3 routine.
 - B. Special attention will be paid to the natural inherited genetic characteristics of the dog.
 - C. Dogs who stray away from the helper more than 5 meters will be automatically failed.
 - D. Dogs who release the grip of the helper's arm due to the stick hits will be automatically failed.
 - E. A dog must pass measuring and be critiqued before being allowed to proceed to protection. A dog must pass protection to proceed to the traffic sureness test.

Section 41 Helper Protocol for Trials and Breed Surveys

1. A helper:
 - A. May not be both helper and handler on a dog at the same event.
 - B. Must wear a trial jacket and trial pants.
 - C. Must use the same sleeve on all dogs entered at the event.
 - D. Must ensure the sleeve used is a regulation trial sleeve with a sleeve cover in good repair.
 - E. May not be helper at an event for any dog he/she owns, co-owns or lives with.
 - F. Must know the FCI trial regulations and URKA Inc. breed survey regulations.
 - G. Must test all of the dogs in the same manner.
 - H. Must test the dogs firmly and fairly.
 - I. Is an assistant to the Judge during a trial or breed survey so must do as the judge instructs.....

Must work in such a manner to ensure the safety of the dogs. All dogs should be worked the same, with the same level of pressure placed on each dog

Section 42 Ring Steward (*under continued development*)

1. Ring Steward Duties:

The Ring Steward is in charge of the RING, ring management is key to the success of a show. Most important is safety, the credibility of our show records ("the Real Time Report" and Critiques), providing valuable assistance to Judges, liaison to the typist, keeping the show on time.

After the catalog has been printed and cross checked, print the REAL TIME REPORT available on Zooza, prepare the report by filling in the Arm Band numbers in the designated column, cross check the arm band number with the first three letters of the dog's name to confirm your report and the catalog match. Complete before the day of show.

Catalogs in the ring will cause issue with the credibility of judging by participants. Judges are not to see the catalog until the close of the show.

Day of the show, walk the ring and keep an eye out for any safety concerns to both handlers and dogs, IE: holes, dips in the ground, garbage, anthills, underground wasp nests..ect.

- a. Introduce yourself to the Judge:
- b. Discuss the judges' preference to how dogs will be called into the ring and how he would like them to line up.
- c. Find out what his/her routine of judging will be. Expectations for the puppy classes, youth and adult classes.
- d. After check in, update your Real Time Report for any absent dogs. Mark Absent on the report, this will be entered into the database. Absent dogs are those that have not entered the Ring.
- e. Roll Call/Report to the Ring. All dogs are called into the ring by class starting with males, at this time arm bands are confirmed with the Real Time Report. Missing handlers/dogs are given a reminder to report to the ring.
- f. When giving public reminders to handlers only the armband number is it to be used, not the dogs name.
- g. Check to make sure fur saver collars are on the dead ring and properly placed on the dog.
- h. Judges Examination of the dogs. At this time the Judge will be looking for the "**4 T's**" **Teeth, Testicles, Tails and Temperament**. If a dog is disqualified during this time you must record the results of the exam. An example may be for teeth, you must record the judges' reasons in the note box provided on the REAL TIME REPORT The verbal Critique, usually after the dogs have been examined the judge will take the first dog of catalog order and commence with the verbal critique. All other dogs can leave the ring and will be called back for the critique in catalog order. It is the job of the Steward to have the next dog waiting ringside,

- i. While the critique is being completed the Steward will communicate with the typist to ensure she is able to hear and is in sync with the judge. If the typist requires clarity or needs to catch up ask the judge to wait.
- j. Once all critiques have been given, all dogs of that class will return to the ring in catalog order for placement. Ensure everyone is in the correct order. Ensure dogs have the correct collars (fur saver only) and leashes remind handlers to have their dogs collars up and under the chin. This is a safety concern. Handlers are to be made aware that dogs are not to be choked while walking, running or baiting. Collar placement is key to keeping the dogs safe from being Choked OUT.
- k. At the Judges request dogs will walk and run around the ring, at this time it is extremely important that the Ring Steward keep an eye on Ring Safety and Sportsmanship. (See Ring Safety Guide) under development.
- l. Safety of the dogs is to be a priority, watch for injuries (limping), overheating, handler abuse, keep space between dogs to prevent dog fights, advise the judge of your concerns.
- m. Know how to use a microchip reader as dogs may be checked by permanent ID.

Section 43 Partial Invalidity of These Regulations

If one or several of the above provisions should be or become invalid, this shall not invalidate the remaining provisions.

Section 44 Implementing Regulations

The Board is authorized to implement, modify or supplement the regulations.

Section 45 Effectiveness

These regulations were adopted by URKA Inc. Board of Directors on April 10, 2020 and take effect on May 01, 2020.

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