

## **Procedure of doping tests**

The legal basis for doping tests are the provisions for animal welfare regulations of the Federal Republic of Germany and the European Community as well as the breeding show regulations III. other regulations subsection 9, and the implementing regulations for the Bundessiegerzuchtschau subsection 2, approval regulations, concerning the subject „doping“.

A dog which participates in the SV-Bundessiegerzuchtschau/Weltchampionat for German Shepherd Dogs must be free in its tissue, body fluids and excrements from all substances listed on the VDH drug list on all days of the event.

For dogs under veterinary treatment through or until shortly before the competition the owner/dog handler/dog sportsman lists the kind of medicine, dosage and the date of administration and duration of the administered substances and has this confirmed by the attending veterinary with the diagnosis and submits this until at latest 3 weeks before the first day of the event to the SV main office. For this the form provided by SV must be used exclusively. A veterinary report must be added. Later incoming documents or other forms can't be accepted.

On this basis SV decides, if necessary, by including the assessment of a competent third party, before the event about the permission to start. All costs arising from this have to be paid from the owner/dog handler/dog sportsman. Should the substances listed in the Application for a medical exception be found during the test the owner/dog handler/dog sportsman is indemnified from penalties. There is no claim for a starting permission.

### **The VDH drug list includes:**

- Substances affecting the central or peripheral nervous system
- Substances affecting the autonomic nervous system
- Substances affecting the gastrointestinal tract
- Substances affecting the cardiovascular system
- Substances affecting the musculoskeletal system
- Substances with antifebrile, paregoric, anti-inflammatory effect
- Substances with antibiotic, antifungal, antiviral effect
- Substances affecting blood coagulation
- Substances with cell-damaging effect
- Antihistamine
- Diuretic
- Local anesthetics
- Muscle relaxants
- Respiratory stimulants
- Sexual hormones
- Anabolics
- Corticosteroids
- Endocrine secretions and their synthetic homologs

A dog is rated as doped when a substance, counted to the above listed drugs, is found - regardless of the quantity. For theobromine the maximal permissible value is 2.000 nanogram/ml.

**Execution:**

The dogs to be tested are as follows: selection classes of the GHKL (working dogs) classes males and females (stock hair/ long stock hair), the first 10 of the JHKL classes (junior dogs) and the JKL classes (young dogs) with stock hair, the first 5 of the JHKL classes (junior dogs) and the JKL classes (young dogs) with long stock hair, as well as suspected cases and random choice.

The doping test is done and recorded by the monitoring team.

For the doping test blood samples are taken by a veterinary by venipuncture. For the samples a minimum volume of 18 ml blood has to be aspired.

The containers with the samples are sealed by the monitoring team and have to be marked with a codification. The A-sample is immediately sent to a laboratory which is qualified for doping tests. When the owner is notified about a positive doping result, he/she is entitled to demand the analysis of the B-sample on his/her own expense within 10 days after receipt of the result. Those requests need to be made in writing. Should the owner of the dog not exercise this right the result of the A-sample is presumed to be recognized.

On analytic needs SV is at any time entitled to initiate the analysis of the B-sample.

By registering a dog for the SV-Bundessiegerzuchtschau/Weltchampionat the owner/s agree/s to recognize and accept the approval regulations. Furthermore, he/she agrees to put his/her dog under an ordered doping test and to support the veterinary in any possible way.