

Rules for the publication of studdogs, litters and dogs for sale on the WEWASC homepage

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The WEWASC e.V. bylaws state the following:

Section 3.1. Eligibility

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3.1.2. Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form approved by the Club membership. The form shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by the Constitution, Bylaws, Registry Rules, Regulations, Policies, Rules, Code of Ethics and Dispute Rules of both ASCA and the Club. Dues shall accompany the application.

3.1.3. Any person who renews membership is deemed to have consented to all current terms of the Constitution, Bylaws, Registry Rules, Regulations, Policies, Rules, Code of Ethics and Dispute Rules of both ASCA and the Club.

For the ASCA Code of Ethics, please see www.asca.org/codeofethics. WEWASC e.V. members have to abide to this CoE.

More than that, WEWASC e.V. asks its members to abide to the following regulations.

It is the presupposition to be able to have litter announcements, litters, studdogs and dogs for sale advertised on the WEWASC e.V. Homepage.

WEWASC e.V. strives for the improvement of the working ability of the Australian Shepherd.

The club does not encourage an evaluation of the exterior, in favour of performance.

The goal is that each breeder has her/his personal freedom and responsibility to develop the traits she/he is looking for.

Breeding goal in the sense of WEWASC e.V.:

The breeding goal is the sound, stock working Australian Shepherd. Breeding animals should be able to work up to a high age without limitations.

Only dogs/litters which are registered in the ASCA Inc. (Australian Shepherd Club of America Inc.) and who fulfill the basic requirements as listed below will be published on the WEWASC e.V. homepage.

I. Performance

Valid for studdogs , both parents of a litter and dogs for sale older than 3 month or their parents, in order to be put on the WEWASC e.V. Homepage.

The following performance skills are minimum requirements. Required is at least one of 1.-5.

The requirements are valid for the dog. This means that any person can work with the dog, not restricted on the dog´s owner.

1.ASCA Trials

2 open titles, class is breeders/owners choice.

2. WEWASC Farmtrials

2 Qualifying Scores at WEWASC e.V. FarmTrials, class is owner´s/handler´s choice

3. Koppelgebrauchshundeprüfung

Passed " Koppelgebrauchshundeprüfung " of the German ABCD e.V. or a comparable test from one of our members other European countries (verification through the WEWASC e.V. board and the committee is required before testing)

Verified tests are:

- SSDS (Swiss Sheep Dog Society)

4. WEWASC e.V. Working Dog Title

Test of performance skills in the home of the dog. Necessity to evaluate instinct and trainability of the dog. Basis of the test is the ASCA inc. Ranch Dog evaluation form.

Please ask the WEWASC e.V. Farm Trial Committee chair for sanctionings and information at farmtrial-committee@wewasc.com

Requirements are:

One positively passed evaluation under a WEWASC e.V. approved judge.

Judges have to fulfill the requirements of the WEWASC e.V. Farm Trial judges (Anybody who has had led 2 WTCH dogs and is a WEWASC e.V. member for 3 years; any judge approved by an official herding breed club; any person approved by the WEWASC e.V. board based on his/her credentials). Judges are not allowed to judge dogs they bred or someone out of his/her family.

5. The following ASCA inc. Titles:

OFTD Title on 2 classes of stock; RTD Title on 2 classes of stock; RD

II. Health

All Health results must be documented and send in copy to the chairperson of the Performance Committee before the advertisement is put on the homepage.

Please send to performance-committee@wewasc.com

The following **minimum** requirements and results for health checks before breeding are valid:

Hips:

A hip evaluation from a vet who has a license to do official hip evaluations.

Dogs with hip results not worse than B2 (A1, A2, B1 and B2) can be used for breeding without limitation. If the dog has a certificate from the American OFA (Orthopaedic Foundation for Animals), the hip result cannot be worse than OFA fair (OFA excellent, OFA good and OFA fair).

Elbows:

An elbow evaluation from a vet who has a license to do official elbow evaluations.

Dogs that have elbow results not worse than ED 0/0 can be used for breeding without limitation.

ED 1/0 or 1/1 results lead to a limitation in the form that only ED 0/0 dogs can be used as breed mates.

Any dogs with evaluations that were done before September 1, 2011, do not need to have an elbow evaluation. It will be necessary for all evaluations done after September 1, 2011.

Eyes:

An Eye Certificate from a vet who has a license to do official eye evaluations.

This certificate cannot be older than a year at time of mating.

There are different diseases marked on an official eye evaluation form. Some of these diseases are minor problems that do not influence the vision of the dog (MPP, Distichia). Some are major problems that influence the vision of a dog or lead to blindness and a dog with such a disease should not be bred as they are also inherited. Those diseases are: cataract, PRA, CEA, Korneadystrophie. Dogs with such a result will not be put on the WEWASC e.V. homepage.

DNA status:

The following rule regarding the DNA parentage verification status of a dog that is used for breeding has been issued by The Australian Shepherd Club of America (ASCA):

From Jan 1st 2011 on, each dog that produces a first litter has to be DNAed.

Which means, that after January 1st 2011, no litter can be registered with ASCA inc. if the parents are not DNA profiled with ASCA inc.

III. Other regulations

1. Studdogs and dogs for sale that are put on the WEWASC homepage for advertisement have to be owned by a WEWASC e.V. member. In case of a co-ownership both, the owner and the co-owner have to be WEWASC e.V. members.

2. The breeder of a litter has to be a WEWASC e.V. member, which usually will be the owner of the female. In case of a co-ownership both, the owner and the co-owner have to be WEWASC e.V. members.

3. Dogs who have sired a litter that shall be published on the WEWASC e.V. homepage have to fulfill the performance and basic health requirements. They do not necessarily have to be owned or co-owned by a WEWASC e.V. member.

4. The owner of a dog for sale older than 3 month has to be a WEWASC e.V. member in order to have this dog advertised on the WEWASC e.V. homepage.

Keeping Dogs

All dogs have to be kept according to animal rights statutes of the countries and have to be cared for properly.

Minimum/Maximum breed age:

Males

Minimum age of a studdog that is used for breeding is 18 months. No maximum age.

Females

Minimum age for a female that is used for breeding is 24 months. That means she must have fulfilled her second year at the time of the first mating.

Maximum age is the fulfilled 8th. This depends on how many litters the female already had and how many puppies she has raised.

Time in between two litters needs to be at least one year (365 days), counted from the days of mating

Number of litters

A female should not have more than 4 litters in her life.

Merle Dogs and Natural Bobtails (NBT)

Since matings of merle to merle dogs and NBT to NBT dogs can lead to major health problems in resulting puppies, such matings are not put on the WEWASC e.V. Homepage.

Litters

Puppies cannot be given away at an age under 8 weeks.

Buyers will get the following when purchasing a puppy that was advertised on the WEWASC e.V. homepage:

- A buying contract
- The Registration Application from ASCA inc.; in some cases, the breeder registers the puppy for you in your name
- An eye certificate that was done at an age not older than 7 weeks.
- Prior to that eye certificate, the puppy had a microchip implantation (so that the microchip number could be used as permanent identification for the evaluation)

Exceptions need to be evaluated by the WEWASC e.V. Board and requests need to be sent in to the WEWASC e.V. Board in writing.