

**GSDCA TEMPERAMENT TEST**  
**GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF AMERICA TEMPERAMENT TEST**  
**SATURDAY, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
**Sponsored by the German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis & St. Paul**

At the  
**Animal Inn Training School, 8633 34<sup>th</sup> St. Lake Elmo, MN 55042**  
Hwy 14- 1 mile East of I-694. *OUTDOORS—Starting at ~9:00 a.m.*

**Evaluator: Diane Roberts, 11904 McMullen Loop, Riverview, FL 33569.**

Entries will be limited to 40 DOGS. GSDs will be given preference, but other breeds may be accepted if space is available,

\*EARLY BIRD REDUCED ENTRY FEE IF RECEIVED BY June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019:

GSDCMSP CLUB MEMBERS: \$30.00/dog

NON-MEMBERS: \$35.00/dog

**FEE AFTER June 1<sup>st</sup> : \$40.00/dog**

**MAIL CHECKS MADE OUT TO GSDCMSP & COMPLETED FORMS TO:**

**VERNA KUBIK, 274 OLD SCOUT CAMP ROAD, HOULTON, WI 54082**

Questions? Contact Verna via email at [vmk4gsds@dishup.us](mailto:vmk4gsds@dishup.us) or at 1-715-549-6365.

Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ entry fee.

The following information is needed to complete the TT certificate. Ensure it is accurate and legible.

BREED: \_\_\_\_\_ AKC NO. \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ SEX M / F

DOG'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CALL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SIRE: \_\_\_\_\_

DAM: \_\_\_\_\_

OWNER: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: STATE ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

\*GSDS have priority before other breeds are allowed in to the test. Entry will be acknowledged time allowing. Additional entries may be taken on the day of the test IF limit has not been reached. Refunds will not be given for dogs not present for the test. Dogs must be 12 months or older to participate.

SIGNATURE OF OWNER OR AGENT DULY AUTHORIZED TO MAKE ENTRY: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

In consideration of being permitted to participate in a Temperament Test sponsored by the GSDCA, INC. and the GSDCMSP, the undersigned agrees that the GSDCA, INC. and the GSDCMSP are not responsible for any injuries or damage suffered by persons or animals participating in the Temperament Test during, before or after the actual test. By acting as a spectator and/or participating in any capacity, I wave my right of action against the GSDCA and will hold the GSDCA harmless if any action by my dog(s) or by me results in an action against the sponsoring club(s).

OWNER'S SIGNATURE AS PER AGENT/HANDLER: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINTED NAME OF ABOVE SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME & ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Temperament Test Guidelines for Handlers**

Do not hurry the dog through the test; it is not a time test to see who gets through the fastest. Dogs must be kept on a loose lead throughout the test.

**Neutral Stranger:** This test is to simulate a typical street situation. The stranger will carry on a conversation with you, but will not make overtures to the dog.

**Friendly Stranger:** The stranger will make overtures to the dog and will touch the dog and handler as well.

**Can-rattling:** After the rattling begins, the dog is allowed to approach the blind to investigate the source of the noise. DO NOT ALLOW male dogs to urinate on the blind. As the dog comes around the blind to discover the source of the noise and investigate the can, the dog is given 20 seconds to make a close inspection. DOB MAY BE ENCOURAGED by the handler, using phrases like "what's that?" or "find it".

**Gun Test:** Upon completion of the can-rattling test, move approximately 15' beyond the next assistant who will shoot the gun. The spot will be marked on the course. Handler and dog will stop facing away from the shooter. The handler stands with the dog in either a standing or a sitting position (no commands are to be given to the dog). If the dog turns and/or moves toward the sound when the gun is shot, the handler may follow. The dog may be encouraged as in the can-rattling test.

**Umbrella Test:** Handler and dog proceed toward the assistant sitting in a low chair directly in the dog's path, but facing 90 degrees to the side. When the dog is 9' from the tip of the umbrella, the assistant will raise it; and when the dog is about 3' (no closer) from the tip of the umbrella, it will be opened directly toward the dog. The open umbrella is then lowered and rested on the ground while the assistant retains the handle in his hand. The dog is allowed to move forward (with encouragement if necessary) to investigate the umbrella.

**Footing Test:** Handler and dog approach a strip of polyethylene approximately 15' long and 4' wide. With the dog on a loose lead, they proceed directly along the length of this change of footing. Handler and dog proceed across at least a 10' wide aisle of normal footing and proceed directly across an exercise pen laid flat on the ground. They move along the length of the pen, not the width.

### **Self-protective/Aggressive Reaction:**

- Handler and dog proceed downwind toward the hidden Tester. The handler ceases to move forward as soon as Tester comes into view and staggers across the dog's path.
- Tester will then turn toward the dog and slowly advance. If the dog exhibits a positive reaction, continues with Part C. THE HANDLER WILL REMAIN STATIONARY.
- The Tester then becomes threatening. When positive reaction is forthcoming, the Tester should back off in a furtive manner.

**NO CONTACT IS TO BE MADE BETWEEN DOG AND TESTER.FOR ALL PARTS OF THIS EXERCISE, THE HANDLER MUST NOT ALLOW THE DOG TO ADVANCE BEYOND LEASH LENGTH OF THE HANDLER'S STOPPING POINT.** Pressure on the dog's collar should not be in the form of a sudden jerk.