

# TSSR



## **NEW BREEDER PACKET**

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New Breeder Checklist  
Kennel Registration Application  
Breeder Code of Ethics  
Registry Rules & Regulations  
Shiloh Shepherd Breed Standard

## NEW BREEDER CHECKLIST

Congratulations on making the decision to become a Breeder of Shiloh Shepherds and choosing TSSR as your Registry. We've created this packet to make it easier for you to set up your Breeder Account.

### BREEDER CODE OF ETHICS

- read thoroughly and sign
- you will need to attach the signed copy to your Kennel Registration
- a current signed copy of the Breeder's Code of Ethics must be on file with the TSSR in order to remain a breeder in good standing

### KENNEL NAME REGISTRATION

- your kennel name needs to be unique and not used before or similar to another
- once you have decided on one, do an internet search to be sure it has not already been take
- a good reference list of existing and past kennel names can be found on [www.aboutshilohshepherds.com/breeders](http://www.aboutshilohshepherds.com/breeders)
- fill out the Kennel Registration Application  
*online at [www.papers.tssr.info/kennel](http://www.papers.tssr.info/kennel) or using the attached form; \$50 US payment is required*
- once your chosen name is reserved, no other person will be allowed to register any dogs using that name except when naming progeny that specifically originated from your kennel

### REGISTRY OFFICE ACCOUNT

*set up your Registry Office Account at [www.papers.tssr.info](http://www.papers.tssr.info)*

- this account will be used for reference in all your online registration activity with the TSSR
- the email noted here will be the only address where messages will be sent to, regardless of any others you put on your submission form(s)
- the address will be the only one to be used in any mailings from the TSSR
- unless you need to update your account information, you only need to complete this form once

### REGISTRY RULES AND REGULATIONS

- read and become familiar with the TSSR Registry Rules & Regulations

### SHILOH SHEPHERD BREED STANDARD

- read and become familiar with the Shiloh Shepherd Breed Standard

### JOIN THE ISSDC

- We encourage you to join our club, the ISSDC, Inc [www.issdc.com](http://www.issdc.com)

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APPLICATION FOR  
REGISTRATION OF KENNEL NAME

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Requested Kennel Name \_\_\_\_\_

Submit application with signed Breeder's Code of Ethics and check made payable to TSSR in the amount of \$50.00 to:

TSSR  
98 Ridgeway Rd.  
Birdsboro, PA 19508

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For Office Use Only

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Not Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Registrar \_\_\_\_\_

# TSSR BREEDER CODE OF ETHICS



I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby agree to abide by all of the terms outlined in this code to the best of my ability. Furthermore, I pledge to aid in the development, promotion, and public awareness of our breed.

1. I agree to breed only the best possible specimens in accordance to the Breed Standard to improve the breed for future generations. I agree to select all breeding pairs according to the registry rules with the utmost care. I further agree to review Littermate information, Relationship co-efficiencies, and breed warnings on all breeding pairs.
2. I agree that I will not breed any Shiloh Shepherd that possesses any genetic disease including, but not limited to hip or elbow dysplasia, EPI, or thyroid disease.
3. I agree as a dedicated breeder of the Shiloh Shepherd to represent my stock honestly, as well as all of their progeny to anyone who inquires about my dogs. I agree not to make false statements regarding any specific dog, breeder, or the breed in general.
4. I agree to act in a professional manner when representing this breed to the public. I agree to refer anyone with any questions (that I do not have an answer) to a member of the TSSR Board Of Directors. I will also not misrepresent or make false statements regarding the TSSR in a public or private forum in any way.
5. I agree to maintain integrity in the price I charge for my breeding stock and puppies. Under NO circumstances will I “undercut” prices for a quick profit resulting in fewer sales to my fellow breeders consequently reducing the quality control so necessary in producing only the best possible stock.
6. I agree to fully study all past generations with regard to what faults and virtues my breeding may produce. Furthermore, I understand I can contact the BOD for any advice or suggestions on improving my breeding program.
7. I realize that proper socialization, health, care, and nutrition are vital in bringing out the full potential of this breed. I understand that keeping my Shiloh Shepherds in the very best health is critical to my success in producing the best possible progeny. Therefore, I agree to do all in my power to keep each of my dogs and puppies in ultimate condition.
8. I agree to inform the TSSR Board Of Directors of any accidental breeding as soon as possible
9. I agree to register my TSSR registered Dam’s litters with the TSSR.
10. I agree to promptly notify the TSSR of any change in registry affiliation.
11. I will do everything possible to obtain and maintain LMI on all my litters.
12. I understand that ANY Shiloh Shepherd I produce, without exception, must be sold with a guarantee. I agree to properly supervise, to the best of my ability, all of my coownership(s), breeder agreement(s), and spay/neuter contracts. I agree to uphold my guarantees, in a timely manner, as outlined in my contracts.
13. I agree that I will not “dual register” any of my TSSR registered Shiloh Shepherds with any other registries except for show purposes.

By my signature I state that I read, understood and will follow all aspects of the Shiloh Shepherd Registry Rules and this Breeder’s Code of Ethics. Furthermore, I understand if I choose to violate any part of this agreement I could have my **breeding & advertising** privileges suspended by the TSSR.

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Print Name and Kennel Name

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Signature/Date

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Address, City, State, Zip & Telephone Number

# The Shiloh Shepherd Registry

*A Shared Vision, A Common Goal*

## REGISTRY RULES & REGULATIONS

*effective January 16, 2002 (revised 5/2009)*



### Article I. PURPOSE

- To promote and protect the interests of the Shiloh Shepherd.
- To clearly define and enforce the rules under which a Shiloh Shepherd may be entered into The Shiloh Shepherd Registry (TSSR).
- To create a database of information available to signers of TSSR Breeders Code of Ethics
- To incorporate any breeding practices necessary to reduce the occurrence of genetic faults and improve the attributes of the breed while adhering to the Shiloh Shepherd breed standard.
- The Shiloh Shepherd Registry [TSSR] is a non-profit Incorporation, governed and operated by TSSR Board of Directors.

### Article II. LITTER REGISTRATION

#### SECTION 2.01 LITTER REGISTRATION REGULATIONS

1. Either the sire or the dam (or both) must be registered with TSSR permanent Adult Breeding Certificates of Registration for a Litter Application to be accepted.
2. TSSR Shiloh males may be bred outside the registry. The TSSR highly recommends that the outside female has hip, heart and thyroid health testing, but is not mandatory. Outside breeding is at the discretion of the breeder.
3. TSSR Shiloh females may breed outside the registry. Hip, Heart and DNA testing (of outside male) is REQUIRED by the TSSR for the progeny to be registered with the TSSR. The TSSR does recommend additional health testing on males chosen from outside registries, but is not required. Progeny resulting from this pairing and registered with the TSSR will be required to complete TSSR health testing to receive a breeding certificate of registration.
  - a. TSSR requires that the non-TSSR registered dog or bitch submit the following information before the planned breeding takes place:
    - i. A copy of their current registration certificate
    - ii. Passing hip certification rated either as:
      1. OFA Fair, Good or Excellent.
      2. Penn Hip where both hips must be scored not over 0.50 with no degenerative joint disease.
      3. OFA heart certification (outside males).
      4. Positive DNA parentage test results.
      5. Four pictures of the individual dog to be registered (taken while standing, views from front, rear, left side and right side).
      6. Certificate validating height and weight (recommended)
      7. A passing temperament test certificate or equivalent (recommended)

8. A completed TSSR Faults and Virtues Form (recommended)
4. No litters will be registered from any dam less than 24 months of age or over the age of 7.5 years (90 mos).
5. No litters will be registered out of any dog/bitch or breeder whose privileges have been suspended.
  - a. Only litters owned or produced by breeders who have signed the TSSR Breeders Code of Ethics are eligible for TSSR registration papers
6. It is required that all progeny must have resulted from a breeding Shiloh Shepherd parents who both possess Permanent Adult Breeding Certificates or Permanent Adult Restricted Breeding Certificates.
7. Dual registration of litters with any other registry is not allowed. Dual registration is allowed for showing purposes only.
  - a. NOTE: TSSR Breeders are allowed to own Shiloh Shepherds that are not registered with the TSSR. It is no longer mandatory to have ALL your Shilohs registered with the TSSR.
  - b. Those Shiloh Shepherds that ARE registered with the TSSR should NOT be dual registered, except for show purposes.
8. Any exceptions to these regulations must be reviewed and agreed upon by a majority vote of TSSR Board of Directors members prior to the time of breeding.

## SECTION 2.02 LITTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION

1. The Litter Application for puppy registration must be filled out completely and submitted to TSSR when puppies are between 49-70 days of age. The application must include:
  - a. The exact number of puppies in the litter.
  - b. Specific details on the litter regarding sex, color, coat, and any unusual markings.
  - c. 1 picture of each individual puppy (taken within 10 days of birth).
  - d. 2 pictures of the entire litter with the dam (taken within 10 days of birth).
  - e. 2 pictures of the entire litter taken between 49-70 days of age.
  - f. Litter Health Report.
2. The recorded owner of the litter at birth will be issued a Blue Certificate of Registration for each puppy over 60 days of age as described on the litter application.
3. The breeder must submit to TSSR a completed Litter Placement Form no later than 180 days from the birth of a litter.
4. Payment (per current Fee Schedule Addendum A) must be included.
5. **As of July 1, 2004, updated DNA with UC Davis must be on file with the TSSR registrar on any Shilohs (Sire and Dam) applying for litter application.**

## Article III. CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION

### SECTION 3.01 BLUE CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

1. One Blue Certificate per puppy will be issued to the owner of the litter at birth once the litter application has been submitted and approved.

2. The breeder will transfer each Blue Certificate to the puppy owner.
3. All Blue Certificates must be returned to TSSR prior to the puppy's 7 month birthday.
4. Payment (per current Fee Schedule Addendum A) must be included.
5. TSSR will then issue to the owner a Temporary Pink Registration Certificate for the puppy.

### SECTION 3.02 PUPPY (TEMPORARY) CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

1. The puppy owner must return the Temporary Registration along with the items required by TSSR for Permanent Registration between the ages of 12-27 months for Adult Non-breeding Certificates, or 24-27 months for Adult Permanent Breeding Certificates and Adult Permanent Restricted Breeding Certificates.
2. A 90-day extension may be requested by contacting the Registrar prior to the 27th month expiration.

### SECTION 3.03 PERMANENT ADULT BREEDING CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION

1. Breeding Certificates of Registration will be issued to all dogs between 24-27 months of age who meet/submit the following requirements:
  - a. Passing hip certification
    - i. OFA Finals---Fair, Good or Excellent.
    - ii. Penn Hip where both hips must score not over 0.50, with no degenerative joint disease.
    - iii. OVC Finals—Normal
  - b. Proven DNA results that show positive parentage – reads “indicated parents qualify”
  - c. OFA Heart certification.
  - d. A certificate validating height (minimum 28”males-26”females)and weight signed by a veterinarian, canine judge, accredited trainer, member of the TSSR Board of Directors, or a Certified Temperament Tester.
  - e. A copy of an approved Temperament Test Certificate, or a copy of a CGC, CGN or TDI certificate (with gun fire) Certificate, or a temperament test on video (reviewed and scored by a member of TSSR Board of Directors done no younger than 12 months of age.
  - f. A certificate signed by a veterinarian stating that a male dog has two fully descended testicles.
  - g. Four pictures of the individual dog to be registered (taken while standing, views from front, rear, left side and right side).
  - h. A completed Faults & Virtues form.
  - i. Payment (per current Fee Schedule Addendum A) must be included.
2. **Restricted Breeding Certificates of Registration** require all of the above information on file and are issued for the following: Males approved for breeding between the age of 12 mos-24 mos (OTX or Shiloh) or any upgraded breeding dog designated by the breeder to be “restricted”.
3. **Exception:** A male Shiloh Shepherd completing all required health testing (hip & heart) that has prelim hip certification of OFA Good or better, OVC Normal or Penn Hip numbers no greater than 0.50 may request approval of the Board of Directors to be bred between the age of 1 year and 2 years. The BOD will look at all health testing, LMI/LMX information, along with reason for the request when making a decision. If approved all

health testing certificates must be on file with the TSSR registrar and final hip certification at 2 years of age must be completed or breeding rights will be revoked.

### SECTION 3.04 PERMANENT ADULT NON-BREEDING CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION

1. Permanent Adult Non-Breeding Certificates of Registration will be issued to all dogs between 12-27 months of age who meet/submit the following requirements.
  - a. Hip report, from OFA, OVC or Penn HIP (highly recommended for LMI information).
  - b. A completed Faults and Virtues Form;
  - c. A certificate validating height & weight signed by a veterinarian, canine judge, accredited trainer, member of the Board of Directors, or a Certified Temperament Tester.
  - d. 4 Pictures of the individual dog to be registered (taken while standing, views from the front, rear, left side and right side).
  - e. Payment (per current Fee Schedule Addendum A) must be included.
2. Only Non-Breeding Certificates of Registration will be issued to any dog/bitch who:
  - a. Fails to pass any requirement for Permanent Adult Breeding Certificates of Registration.
  - b. Fails to make minimum size requirements (as defined in the Breed Standard), unless exception has been approved by the Board of Directors.
  - c. Has been specifically sold with a non-breeding registration certificates (unless upgrade has been approved by Breeder).

### SECTION 3.05 EXCEPTIONS

1. Any dog may change from Adult Non-Breeding to Adult Breeding Certificate if it meets all requirements.
  - a. All required items for Permanent Adult Breeding Papers must be submitted for TSSR approval.
  - b. The upgrade needs to be approved by the breeder.
  - c. Payment (per current Fee Schedule Addendum A) must be included.
  - d. A request for a deadline extension may be applied for prior to a dog/bitch's 27th month birthday. Deadline extension should be sent to the Registrar.

## Article IV. REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS TO DOGS TRANSFER INTO THE TSSR

### SECTION 4.01 REQUIREMENTS

1. Dogs who wish to be transferred from another registry to TSSR must provide the following:
  - a. Any dog under the age of 27 months may apply for Temporary Registration Certificates by providing:
    - i. A pedigree or current registration certificate
    - ii. 4 pictures of the individual dog to be registered (taken while standing, views from front, rear, left side and right side).
    - iii. Owner will then follow Adult Registration Certificate guidelines



- iv. Transfer fees (per current Fee Schedule Addendum A) must be included
- b. Any dog applying for Adult Breeding Certificates must provide:
  - i. Original pedigree or current registration certificate.
  - ii. Copy of DNA results, with both parents indicated as “qualifying”
  - iii. Passing FINAL hip certification rated either as:
    - 1. OFA Fair, Good or Excellent
    - 2. OVC Normal
    - 3. Penn Hip where both hips must score not over 0.50, with no degenerative joint disease.
  - iv. OFA Heart Certificates
  - v. Completed Fault and Virtue Form
  - vi. 4 pictures of the individual dog to be registered taken while standing, views from front, rear, left side and right side)
  - vii. Copy of TT or CGC, CGN, or video
  - viii. Transfer fees (per current Fee Schedule Addendum A) must be included
- c. Any dog applying for Adult Non-breeding Certificates must provide
  - i. A pedigree or current registration certificate
  - ii. 4 pictures of the individual dog to be registered (taken while standing, views from front, rear, left side and right side)
  - iii. Copy of hip certification from OFA, OVC or Penn Hip(recommended)
  - iv. Transfer fees (per current Fee Schedule Addendum A) must be included
- d. No dog will be accepted that is co-owned or has a breeder agreement without the approval in writing of the co-owner/breeder.

#### SECTION 4.02 EXCEPTIONS

1. Any Outcross progeny from other registries will enter a modified Outcross program and abide by all guidelines under the TSSR outcross program.
2. Any dog or bitch not meeting all the requirements for either Adult Breeding Certificates or Adult Nonbreeding certificates may petition the Board of Directors for approval.

### Article V. HEALTH AND TEMPERAMENT CERTIFICATES

#### SECTION 5.01 TEMPERAMENT TEST CERTIFICATES

1. Will be issued to any dog/bitch over 12 months of age that has a passing score on the 10 station test.
2. Any dog that fails to pass can be tested again after a 24 hour waiting period has expired.
3. No other limitations are placed on the number of times any specific dog can be tested.
4. TDI testing, CGC and CGN testing are also acceptable certifications for temperament.

## SECTION 5.02 HIP CERTIFICATES

1. OFA certificates and or Penn Hip Certificates submitted to TSSR will be maintained in each dog's Registry File.
2. Upgrade x-rays of any dog may be submitted at any time. The new certificate will replace the previous certificate in the Registry file. In order for the new certificate to be valid a DNA certificate taken at the time of the latest x-ray must accompany it, or if a microchip was recorded at time of the first x-ray, a scan of this microchip will suffice as proof of the dog being x-rayed.
3. Permanent hip certification is required for an actively breeding dog.
  - a. Final certification as determined by the certifying agency. (OFA- 2 years, OVC - 8 mos)
  - b. Penn Hip will be considered final at 18 mos. of age by the TSSR

## SECTION 5.03 HEART CERTIFICATES

1. OFA heart certification should be done when the dog is between the ages of 12-24+ months of age. (Certification by a cardiologist or specialist is *highly recommended*).
2. Upgrades of heart certification may be submitted at any time. The new certificate will replace the previous certificate in the Registry file.

## SECTION 5.04 ADDITIONAL HEALTH TESTING

1. The following tests are highly recommended, but not required:
  - a. Cardiac Holter
  - b. Elbow
  - c. Thyroid
  - d. EPI testing
  - e. Eye certification

## Article VI. CERTIFICATE REPLACEMENTS, AMENDMENTS, AND TRANSFERS

1. If a registered dog is sold without the Certificate of Registration, the Certificate should be surrendered by the recorded owner to the Registry for cancellation.
2. A request for a duplicate registration certificate can be sent to the registrar by the recorded owner, in writing, along with the dog(s)' full registered name and applicable fees. The breeder of a litter can request a duplicate blue paper by sending in the blue paper litter number (can be found on the litter placement form), the sire and dam of the litter, DOB of the litter, along with applicable fees for each duplicate blue papers requested.
3. To obtain a replacement for a damaged Registration Certificate recorded owner must submit the original certificate to TSSR and pay applicable fees.
4. A recorded owner may request a change on the dog's Certificate by submitting the Certificate of Registration and appropriate supporting documentation to TSSR. There shall be no charge for one amended Certificate in any 12-month period. Additional Certificates will be applicable fees if requested in less than a 12-month period unless the error was made by the registrar.

5. Upon the death of any registered dog, a copy of the dogs Certificate of Registration and a statement signed by the recorded owner showing the date of and cause of death should be submitted to TSSR for recording.
6. Whenever legal title to a registered dog passes to another by any operation of the law (death, divorce, etc), TSSR will transfer the registration of such dog to the new owner (see fee schedule for applicable fees).
7. Anyone wishing to downgrade their dog's papers from breeding to nonbreeding should notify the TSSR registrar of this change. New non-breeding papers will be issued with no fee charged.
8. All applicable fees (per current Fee Schedule Addendum A) must be included.

## Article VII. SUSPENSIONS/REVOCATIONS OF REGISTRATIONS AND SERVICES

1. If any breeder has outstanding fines and/or fees, no TSSR services or TSSR activities will be allowed. This includes, but is not limited to, registration of dogs or litters, issuance of certificates, win sheet tabulation, upgrades or access to database information.
2. A breeder who violates the Breeders Code of Ethics, and/or falsifies any information may also lose access to TSSR services and TSSR activities, including registration of dogs and/or litters, issuance of certificates, win sheet tabulation, upgrades or access to database information. Any breeder advertising on the TSSR website must sign the Breeders Code of Ethics for his/her kennel to be maintained on the website.
3. Complaints shall be referred to the Board of Directors for action. Complaints will be reviewed and disciplinary actions, if any, shall be determined by majority vote of the Board of Directors.

## Article VIII. DOG NAME REGISTRATION

1. Each Blue Certificate will have an area with 30 empty blocks that may be used when selecting a specific name. The newly chosen name cannot consist of more than the allowed spaces and must also meet the following requirements:
  - a. One block must be left empty between each word, unless punctuation or hyphen is used to separate or accentuate a particular group of words.
  - b. Each dog's name must contain one of the following: the registered kennel name of the breeder or co-breeder or the last name of the breeder or co-breeder as a suffix or prefix.
  - c. Obscenities, derogatory terms, breed names, and names of prominent people will not be allowed.
  - d. The Board of Directors reserves the right to determine whether or not a word or phrase is classified as one the above mentioned.
  - e. In the event that the name selected has already been used, the owner will be notified and an alternative selection can then be submitted.

## Article IX. KENNEL NAME REGISTRATION

1. To register any particular name as a specific "kennel name" to be used only by the owner of same, submit the following:
  - a. a TSSR Kennel Application,
  - b. a signed copy of the Breeders Code of Ethics, and
  - c. a one-time fee per current Fee Schedule Addendum A must be included.

2. Once the chosen name is reserved no other person will be allowed to register any dogs using that name except when naming progeny that specifically originated from that particular kennel.
3. There are no time limits attached to the use of any specific kennel name.

## Article X. LITTERMATE INFORMATION PROGRAM (LMI)

1. The LMI Program is designed to provide breeders with information enabling them to make knowledgeable breeding decisions.
2. Littermate information is gathered throughout the registration process and includes but is not limited to the following:
  - a. Hip certification.
  - b. Faults and Virtues form, including color, coat, and any health problems.
  - c. Verified height, weight form.
3. The information regarding each puppy in a litter (LMI) will be compiled by the registrar and made available upon request to TSSR breeders in good standing.
4. Breeders should report a combined average return rate of at least 50 percent (50%) LMI data from all litters produced.
5. Partial information is acceptable, though it may not qualify the puppy for upgraded registration papers.
6. Any breeder found by the Board of Directors to have deliberately withheld or provided false LMI information may face the suspension and/ or revocation of any and all TSSR privileges.

## Article XI. BREED WARNINGS

1. Breed warnings may be assigned and/or dismissed by the Board of Directors on any dog/bitch that carries excessive genetic faults.
  - a. TSSR reserves the right to place a breed warning on any dog proven to produce substantial genetic problems that unregulated breeding would put the gene pool at risk. Dogs carrying breed warnings should not be inbred upon, nor tightly line bred upon. Dogs without breed warnings may still produce offspring with genetic problems. No line is problem free, and TSSR encourages breeders to thoroughly investigate the lines behind a potential breeding pair.

## Article XII. OUTCROSS PROGRAM

### SECTION 12.01 OBJECTIVE OF THE OUTCROSS PROGRAM

1. To expand the gene pool while retaining the Shiloh "type", health, and temperament.
2. No dog will be considered that possesses health problems, or the conformation faults we seek to improve in Shiloh Shepherds. It is our goal to bring dogs into the gene pool that meet the above objectives of the Outcross Program.

### SECTION 12.02 REQUIREMENTS FOR OUTCROSS (NON-SHILOH SHEPHERD)

1. Males must be free from any serious/DQ Shiloh faults as according to breed standard- the exception to this rule is height, as the standard GSD height maximum is beneath our height minimum.
  - a. Should not have excessive rear angulation or sloping top line- should be as close to Shiloh Shepherd breed standard as possible.
  - b. Should not have the same fault as the Shiloh it is being bred to.
  - c. Must have the following certificates/tests to ensure the health of the dog we are bringing into our gene pool:
    - i. Hips
      1. OFA rating of Good or Excellent
      2. OVC normal
      3. Penn Hip scores of less than 0.50 with no DJD.
      4. Equivalent rating of OFA Excellent or Good from a foreign registry
    - ii. Must be in good health and free from any obvious genetically linked disease.
      1. The breeder of the outcross dog must be asked if any of the following health problems are evident in the dog's lines:
      2. Panosteitis, umbilical hernias, perianal fistulas, bloat, cancer, mega esophagus, epilepsy, SAS, PRAA, PDA, cataracts, pannus, and degenerative myelopathy.
2. Recommended Testing
  - a. Blood Tests
    - i. EPI
    - ii. full Thyroid panel
    - iii. Von Willibrands Disease
  - b. Physical
    - i. OFA normal elbows
    - ii. Heart OFA Certification
    - iii. CERF
3. Pictures and Pedigrees
  - a. Pictures (head, sides, front and rear) of the dog
  - b. Video of movement of dog (front, rear and side), requested
  - c. A 4 generation pedigree, 7 is preferred
  - d. Pictures of sire and dam
  - e. Pictures of grandparents, siblings, or offspring are highly recommended.
  - f. LMI highly recommended (is included on pedigree of European dogs)
4. Female (female dog to be used as an outcross)
  - a. Requirements are the same as listed for males

**SECTION 12.03 REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SHILOH SHEPHERD USED IN THE OUTCROSS PROGRAM**

1. Must have obtained adult breeding registration papers from TSSR.
2. Should not have the same fault as the outcross dog it is being bred to.
3. Must be free from any health problems or genetic disease 10
4. Should provide LMI information

**SECTION 12.04 BREEDER REQUIREMENTS**

1. Must be a TSSR breeder in good standing, and a signer of the Breeder's Code of Ethics
2. Must request approval from the Board of Directors.
3. Must provide all necessary information about dog to be used as outcross, and the Shiloh Shepherd to be used.
4. Sign TSSR statement agreeing to the following:
  - a. New owners will be told puppies are part of the Outcross Program, and as such have limited registration and showing privileges as according to the Outcross program.
  - b. Will strive to attain 100% LMI and must be willing to disclose all information on the progress of the litter, as well as provide pictures and written updates at 12 and 24 months of age. Any LMI/LMX information after this age should be reported to the registrar for documentation in the OTX records.
  - c. All of the above are required for breeders of OTX Level 1 and Level 2 litters.

**SECTION 12.05 THE PROGRAM**

1. The Registrar will designate the letter "O" as the first character in the registration number of any outcross offspring. The second character would represent the breedable status as "R" restricted, or "N" non-breeding. The third character would be a number from 1-4 showing the generation of the outcross.
  - a. If the specific dog is the result of breeding two outcross lines, the lowest generation number will be used in the registration number.— these dogs will have numbers starting with DO (Double Outcross)
    - i. Example of a first generation breedable outcross offspring would read : OR10101, second generation- OR20101 and on until the 4th generation.
    - ii. The name of all originating outcross dogs entered into our database will be prefixed with an asterisks.
  - b. HEALTH TESTING REQUIREMENTS FOR PROGENY OF AN OUTCROSS BREEDING—THIS INCLUDES LEVELS 1, 2, 3
    - i. Hip and heart testing is mandatory on outcross progeny to verify health status of the new lines being brought into the gene pool. Thyroid and elbow testing is highly recommended.
2. OTX Level 1- result of the Outcross and Shiloh Shepherd mating.
  - a. OTX Level 1 puppies may not be shown as a Shiloh Shepherd except in special outcross classes held at TSSR sponsored or those show organizations that allow outcross level 1 to participate at their shows.
  - b. >70% of the hips pass, no serious health problems.
  - c. 70% LMI data must be gathered on this litter

- d. If 2 and 3 above are met, as well as all requirements for obtaining adult breeding registration (DNA verification may be waived) a puppy may be considered for breeding, only if approved by the Board of Directors (any exception must be approved by the BOD).
3. OTX Level 2 – result of an OTX 1 and Shiloh Shepherd mating.
    - a. OTX Level 2 puppies may not be shown as a Shiloh Shepherd except in special outcross classes held only at TSSR sponsored or those show organizations that allow outcrosses to participate at their shows.
    - b. Must meet the same LMI, hip, and health and requirements of OTX Level 1.
    - c. If a and b above are met, as well as all requirements for obtaining adult breeding registration a puppy may be considered for breeding if approved by the Board of Directors (any exception must be approved by the BOD).
  4. OTX Level 3- result of an OTX 2 and Shiloh Shepherd mating.
    - a. OTX Level 3 puppies can be sold and shown as fully registered Shiloh Shepherds but will carry the letter “O” as the beginning character of its registration number.
    - b. Must obtain TSSR adult breeding papers, and have passing LMI as according to registry rules.
    - c. Resulting progeny from an OTX Level 3 dog will be able to be sold with pet/non breeding, upgradeable, or adult breeding paper, considered a full Shiloh Shepherd, and required to comply with all TSSR rules for breeding dogs.
  5. Male OTX Level 1, 2 upon passing mandatory health testing (hip & heart) may request Breeders Coalition approval to be eligible to breed after 1 year of age.
    - a. Preliminary hip certification must be OFA prelim of Good or better, OVC normal or Penn Hip numbers less than 0.50.
    - b. All test reports need to be on file with the TSSR registrar prior to any breeding between the age of 1 year and 2 years. All health certificates, LMI/LMX and reason for breeding before 2 years of age will be taken into consideration by the BOD.
    - c. Final hip certification at 2 years of age is mandatory or breeding privileges will be revoked. Exception to the final hip rule can be granted by Board of Directors in rare cases where final hips after 2 years of age are not possible to attain.
  6. Outcross progeny candidates will be reviewed by the BOD. OTX 1,2, after passing all required health testing will be reviewed/passed for breeding into the Shiloh pool. After final approval, it will not be necessary for breedings with the approved outcross to be brought before the BOD for approval. Breeder education on the outcrosses is important so over-breeding of these males/females does not occur.
  7. Approved OTX 1 and 2 will be allowed to be bred outside the TSSR. It is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED that any mate for a TSSR outcross have hip, heart, and thyroid testing done. A TSSR female OTX 1 and 2 mate is required to have Hip, Heart and DNA testing completed for the progeny of this pairing to be registered with the TSSR. (Same rule as a female Shiloh breeding outside the TSSR).

## SECTION 12.01 EXCEPTIONS

1. If there is not sufficient data (i.e. not the required percentage of LMI or hip data, or a singleton litter) the breeder may appeal to the Board of Directors to allow the dog to be bred.
2. Any exception to the above rules may be approved with majority vote of the BOD.

## Article XIII. TITLES

### SECTION 13.01 CHAMPION CERTIFICATES

1. Adult Champion Certificates will be presented to any dog or bitch registered with TSSR that is at least 15 months of age or older and has accumulated a total of 15 or more points under 3 or more different judges with at least 2 majors (under different judges) Championship certificates will be issued by the registrar when notified that Championship status has been attained.
2. Junior Breed Championship Certificates will be awarded to any dog or bitch registered with TSSR who has not reached 15 months of age but has met all other requirements for an Adult Championship. The dog/bitch will not carry the title of Junior Champion on Registration Papers. To attain Adult Champion status the Jr. Breed Champion needs to attain 1 major after the age of 15 months —this can be done by winning a major in class(3, 4, or 5 pts) or if showing at Champion status of the show organization (ARBA, RARITIES, etc.) by winning BOB or BOS with at least 3 or more Shilohs of the same sex in the ring. A major group win, Reserve BIS or BIS will also qualify as a major win.
3. Outcrosses are eligible for breed championship status under the same rules as a Shiloh Shepherd.

### SECTION 13.02 CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS

1. Winners dog/bitch (WD or WB) at any show earns 1 point for every other Shiloh Shepherd entered over the age of 6 months of the same sex.
2. Best of Winners will receive the same number of points as the higher number of either the WD or WB winner.
3. Group 1, 2, 3, 4 winners earn the points as indicated in the table below.

| # OF BREEDS IN GROUP | 1 <sup>ST</sup> PLACE | 2 <sup>ND</sup> PLACE | 3 <sup>RD</sup> PLACE | 4 <sup>TH</sup> PLACE |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 9 or more            | 5                     | 4                     | 3                     | 2                     |
| 8                    | 4                     | 3                     | 2                     | 1                     |
| 7                    | 3                     | 2                     | 1                     | 0                     |
| 6                    | 2                     | 1                     | 0                     | 0                     |
| 5                    | 1                     | 0                     | 0                     | 0                     |
| 4                    | 1                     | 0                     | 0                     | 0                     |
| 3                    | 1                     | 0                     | 0                     | 0                     |
| 2                    | 1                     | 0                     | 0                     | 0                     |

4. In the event that the points earned in Group Competition are greater than those earned in breed competition, the greater number applies. At no time will the points earned for the breed and group wins be combined.
5. A Best In Show or Reserve Best In Show (ADULT) winner will automatically be calculated as a 5 point major.
6. 5 points is the maximum number of points to be awarded for any one show.
7. Win sheets must be sent to the Show Chairperson and postmarked no later than 10 days from the date of the show in order for points to be awarded.

### SECTION 13.03 GRAND VICTOR/VICTRIX (GV) AND NATIONAL SELECT (NS) AWARDS

1. All Shiloh Shepherds competing for these awards must have TSSR Permanent Adult Breeding Registration Certificates and have obtained their Adult Breed Championship prior to the close of that fiscal year.



2. Point tabulation will be kept by the Show Chairperson on a continuing basis as follows: a. Best of Breed (BOB) winner will be credited with 1 point for each Shiloh Shepherd over the age of 6 months defeated in competition including self. b. Best of Opposite (BOS) winner will be credited 1 point less than the BOB winner.
3. The highest scoring dog/bitch at the end of each fiscal year will earn the prestigious titles of Grand Victor and Grand Victrix. The winners will carry the prefix of "GV" in their registered name.
4. The next 10 highest scoring dogs and bitches earn the prestigious title of National Select. All National Select winners will carry the prefix of "NS" in their registered name.
5. The permanent Adult Breeding Registration Certificates of these dogs/bitches will be automatically upgraded by TSSR free of charge.
6. This is a yearly tabulation beginning on January 1st and ending December 31st.
7. The Shiloh Shepherd must be registered with the TSSR for the full fiscal point year to qualify. Those Shilohs transferring into the TSSR will carry over breed points/breed championships. GV/NS points gathered prior to transfer will not count towards a TSSR award--only GV/NS points earned after the transfer will count towards a TSSR award.

#### SECTION 13.04 PUPPY OF THE YEAR

1. Any TSSR dog/bitch that has obtained their Junior Championship or Adult Championship but is not eligible to obtain their Adult Registration due to age, and has accumulated GV/NS points is eligible to compete for the title Puppy of the Year (POTY).
2. POTY will be awarded to the dog and bitch with the highest total of GV/NS points.
3. The title POTY will not be placed on the dogs/bitches registration papers.
4. POTY will be awarded at the same time as GV/NS awards.
5. The dog/bitch must be registered with the TSSR for the full fiscal point year to qualify. Those Shilohs transferring into the TSSR will carry over breed points/breed championships. POTY points gathered prior to transfer will not count towards a TSSR award--only POTY points earned after the transfer will count towards a TSSR award.

#### SECTION 13.05 REGISTER OF MERIT (ROM)

1. This title is awarded to the sire and dam when at least two of their TSSR registered progeny accumulates a minimum of 250 points as per the following table. Points will be tabulated from documentation received by the TSSR Registrar and Show Chairperson. The title ROM will appear behind the dog/bitches registered name and a new registration certificate will be issued by the TSSR registrar.
2. Points Achievement Points Achievement

|        |                                   |        |                           |
|--------|-----------------------------------|--------|---------------------------|
| 10pts  | Each Championship Point (150 max) | 100pts | Schutzhund 1              |
| 25pts  | Best of Opposite                  | 200pts | Schutzhund 2              |
| 50pts  | Best of Breed                     | 300pts | Schutzhund 3              |
| 10pts  | Group 4                           | 25pts  | Each Obedience Leg        |
| 20pts  | Group 3                           | 100pts | Complete Obedience Degree |
| 30pts  | Group 2                           | 100pts | Tracking Degree           |
| 40pts  | Group 1                           | 100pts | Herding Degree            |
| 50pts  | Reserve Best in Show              | 100pts | Endurance                 |
| 100pts | Best In Show                      | 10pts  | Canine Good Citizen       |
| 100pts | Schutzhund A                      | 100pts | Therapy Dog Certificate   |
| 100pts | Schutzhund B                      |        |                           |

### SECTION 13.06 WIN SHEETS

1. Win sheets must be completely filled out and submitted in order to assure that accurate dog and breeder tabulations can be documented for GV, NS, ROM, BOTY and Breed Club Championships.
2. Win sheets will be accepted from AKC fun matches, specialty shows and rare breed show organizations sanctioned by TSSR. 15
3. All win sheets must be signed by the show chairperson and mailed to the TSSR Chairperson postmarked within 10 days from the last day of the show or any points earned will not be credited.

### SECTION 13.07 RESTRICTIONS ON SHOWING DOGS/BITCHES

1. All breeding quality dogs/bitches that have not been neutered, spayed or altered in any other way may compete for Championship Titles.
2. Dogs holding Temporary Registration Certificates marked as breeding, show and upgradeable may be shown.
3. Outcrosses are allowed to show with those show organizations that recognize the Shiloh Shepherd outcross and allow them to show with their organization in an outcross class or Shiloh Shepherd class. OTX 1 or OTX 2 should not be represented as a "full" Shiloh Shepherd with show organizations.

## Article XIV. OFFICERS

### SECTION 14.01 REGISTRAR

1. Registrar is a non-compensatory position filled by TSSR Board of Directors appointment.
2. Registrar is an office of confidentiality
3. Registrar must know, comply with, and generate all TSSR Registry Rules, Forms and Certificates.
4. Registrar must supply receipts for any expenses incurred during the execution of his/her duties to the Board of Directors for reimbursement approval.
5. Registrar must be able to competently work with various computer applications as necessary to perform registration and data requirements.
6. Registrar must be able to perform duties in a timely manner.
7. Registrar must comply with all decisions and requests of the Board of Directors.
8. Registrar will provide data backups to assigned Board of Directors members

### SECTION 14.02 BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD)

1. A member of the BOD must meet the following qualifications
  - a. Must have been involved in the Shiloh Shepherd breed for a minimum of 2 years and have an interest in moving the breed forward.
  - b. Must have Kennel registered with TSSR.
  - c. Must have a Breeders Code of Ethics on file with the Registrar

2. To become a member of the BOD, he/she must be sponsored by one current member of the BOD and approved by majority vote of the BOD
3. BOD members are expected to participate in all meetings via phone conference calls, email, or internet chat. a. Excessive failure to participate will result first in a written and verbal warning, then expulsion from the Board.
4. The BOD is an office of confidentiality.
5. The BOD is a non-compensatory position and consists of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Advisors.

#### SECTION 14.03 GENERAL RULES

1. TSSR Board and regular members of the TSSR may own Shilohs outside the TSSR registry, but are required to register their TSSR dams' litters with the TSSR.

#### Article XV. AMENDMENTS

1. Current Fee Schedule Addendum A, is hereby attached and considered part of this document
2. All changes and/or amendments to TSSR Registry Rules, Certificates, or Forms must be made by majority vote of the Board of Directors.

*Please be advised that these rules have been prepared to protect the Shiloh Shepherd Breed. Anyone who needs general clarification or further explanation should contact the Registrar. Any breedings that do not meet all the criteria in the TSSR Rules and Regulations must be presented to the Board of Directors for approval prior to breeding. If you have any questions on whether your dog is eligible to have a litter registered, contact the TSSR Registrar. The final decision on any rule changes, exceptions, or decisions regarding the rules will be the responsibility of the Board of Directors.*

## ADDENDUM A – FEE SCHEDULE

| item description  | hard copy                | online              |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------|
| DNA Kit per dog   | \$40.00                  | \$40.00             |
| Kennel Registration (one-time fee)<br><i>includes enhanced breeder listing on registry website with live links to your website or email</i>   | \$50.00                  | \$50.00             |
| Litter Application<br><i>this application used by breeder of record; all papers for hard copy will be mailed to breeder of record</i>   | \$15.00<br>+\$3.00/puppy | \$15.00<br>flat fee |
| Registration Certificate, Temporary (Initial)<br><i>for dogs up to 24 months of age; this is the registration applied via the Blue Papers and issued Temporary Registration Certificate for young dog</i>   | \$20.00                  | \$15.00             |
| Registration Certificate, Permanent Adult Non-Breeding<br><i>for dogs 24+ months of age; this application must accompany all requirements as noted for type of registration applying for</i>  | \$5.00                   | no charge           |
| Registration Certificate, Permanent Adult Breeding<br><i>for dogs 24+ months of age; this application must accompany all requirements as noted for type of registration applying for</i>  | \$25.00                  | \$20.00             |
| Transfer Registration, Temporary (Initial)<br><i>used when transferring any dog under 24 months of age from another registry to TSSR; must comply with TSSR requirements</i>  | \$5.00                   | no charge           |
| Transfer Registration, Adult Breeding<br><i>used when transferring any dog over 24 months of age from another registry; must comply with TSSR requirements</i>  | \$5.00                   | no charge           |
| Duplicate, Registration Certificate<br><i>for owner(s) of record and/or breeder(s) of record only</i>   | \$5.00                   | no charge           |
| Ownership, Transfer of<br><i>for dogs whose ownership changes due to fulfillment of breeder's agreement, co-ownership, sale, etc.</i>   | \$5.00                   | no charge           |
| Ownership, Transfer due to Legal Title Change<br><i>for dogs whose ownership passes to via operation of law (death, divorce, etc., can also be used for ownership transfer due to rescue/rehome situations</i>                                    | \$5.00                   | no charge           |
| Update, Registration Certificate<br><i>one change per year allowed; if more than 1x within 12 month period, fee is charged; for owner(s) of record and/or breeder(s) of record to change titles, etc.</i>   | \$5.00                   | no charge           |
| Upgrade, Registration Certificate (Pet to Breeding)<br><i>upgrading from adult non-breeding to adult breeding papers; all applications must accompany all requirements as noted for this type of registration and must be approved by breeder</i> | \$25.00                  | \$20.00             |
| Downgrade, Registration Certificate (Breeding to Pet)<br><i>for owners wishing to downgrade their dog's paper from breeding to non-breeding</i>   | no charge                | no charge           |

- All fees must be paid in full prior to issuance of papers.
- *current fee schedule as of 5/15/2015*

# SHILOH SHEPHERD



**GENERAL APPEARANCE:** The Shiloh Shepherd is a giant breed that gives the distinct impression of nobility, intelligence and strength. The dogs should be powerfully built and substantial, but retain harmonious balanced proportions with agile, effortless movement.

**Character:** Bold, confident and stable yet aloof possessing extreme intellect. Undue shyness or undue aggression are serious faults.

**Head:** The size of the head is in proportion to the rest of the body, with a broad, faintly domed appearance. The width and length of the head are roughly equal in size with a slightly defined stop, strong developed cheekbones with a gradually narrowing muzzle. The muzzle should be predominantly black in color with the length being somewhat equal to that of the forehead. The lips are firmly fixed and solid black in color. Muzzles that are long, narrow, bitchy or snipey in proportion to the rest of the head are undesirable.

**Ears:** Are set high and well apart, and carried erect when alert. Ears are triangular and cupped in shape with a slightly rounded tip. The ear should be as tall as they are wide at the base; when the ear is folded, the tip should not pass the upper eye rim. The ear should be placed centrally over the eye. *Ears that are "kitey" or offset laterally from the center of the eye are considered a serious fault. It is a disqualifying fault for dogs 15 months and older to have hanging ears.*

**Eyes:** All shades of brown are accepted, with the darker shades preferred. No other colors are tolerated. The eyes are of medium size and not protruding. They should be almond shaped and set at a slight angle. The expression should show an alert, intelligent dog at ease in his surroundings.

**Teeth:** A full compliment of white teeth that total 42, with 20 on the upper jaw and 22 on the lower. The Mandible and Maxilla (upper and lower jaw) shall meet in a scissor bite with the inner plane of the upper incisors meeting and making contact with the outer plans of the lower incisors. *Missing pre-molars and a level bite are a minor fault. An overshot or undershot jaw is a disqualifying fault.*

**Neck:** The neck is moderately long with a slight arch, and proportional in size relative to the head. It should be strong, muscular, and without excessive skin. An alert dog with its head and neck carried high should project a noble appearance.

**Forequarters:** The forequarter assembly has a strongly muscled shoulder/upper arm with thick oval shaped bones in the foreleg. The shoulder blades are long, flat, and laid back at an oblique angle. The shoulder blade and upper arm meet at approximately a right angle. When viewed from the side the forelegs are straight with strong, springy pasterns that are angulated at approximately 25 degrees from the vertical line.

**FEET:** The feet are compact, oval in shape, with thick firm pads. The toes are well arched and have short dark nails. Dewclaws may be present on the forelegs, but not on the hind legs. Hare feet and splay feet are considered to be very serious faults.

**PROPORTION:** The Shiloh Shepherd should appear slightly longer than tall, with a preferred proportion of 10 to 9. Males should measure at least 28" tall at the top of the withers, with heights of 30" or more preferred. Males should weigh 120 lbs or more at maturity. Females should measure no less than 26" tall at the top of the withers, with heights of 28" or more preferred. Females should weigh 80 lbs or more at maturity. Any dog over the age of 36 months not reaching the minimum height requirement (28" for males, 26" for females) must be disqualified.

**Body:** The body should appear solid and muscular while still being synchronized (well coordinated) and balanced in proportion. When seen as a whole with the fore and hindquarters the dog should not appear to be unproportionally "leggy" or spindly

**CHEST:** The chest is deep and carried forward with ample room for the heart and lungs. The sternum should protrude cranially (or forward) to the shoulder profile, and prosternum should extend downward in between the forelegs.

**RIBS:** Long, so the sternum reaches the elbows, and well sprung, being neither too flat nor barrel shaped. The rib cage extends far caudally so the loin is relatively short. Correct rib structure allows the elbows to move freely when the dog is trotting. Incorrect rib structure causes the elbows to either be thrown out or pinched in.

**ABDOMEN:** Is firm, not paunchy, with only a moderate tuck up into the loin. *Undue length in the loin between the ribcage and the hindquarters is a MINOR FAULT.*

**TOPLINE:** The back is straight, with the higher withers slightly sloping to the level back. The back should be relatively short in comparison to the overall length of the dog. *A topline where the withers are lower than the croup when the dog is standing is a fault. Toplines that roach, sag or roll while the dog is in movement are also considered a fault.*

**Tail:** The tail should be thickly coated and set low in to the croup, with the last vertebrae lower than the hock joint. At rest the tail hangs in a saber- like curve. When the dog is excited or in motion the tail should be raised with a more pronounced curve.

*Tails that are too short, thin, or ratty are a MINOR FAULT. Any tail above the level line of the back and the vertical line of the croup is a DISQUALIFYING FAULT*

**Hindquarters:** The croup is long with a gradual slope. The hind leg is broad and well muscled, almost forming a 90 degree angle. The metatarsus is short, strong without looseness. *Weak or cow-hocked hindquarters are a VERY SERIOUS FAULT.*

**Gait and Transmission:** THE GAIT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED A VERY CRITICAL PART OF THE OVERALL PERFECTION OF THIS BREED. The gait must be observed while the dog is on a loose lead so the natural, single-tracking gait is evident. The gait is smooth, elastic, effortless and outreaching; covering the maximum amount of ground with the minimum amount of steps at both a walk and trot. The drive of motion comes from the hindquarters; slightly lifting the whole body and moving it forward. "Crabbing" or not traveling in a normal straight line is a fault. The forelegs should extend out well past the nose, with the head carried forward and the shoulder opening to its full degree, in a long stride harmonious with the hindquarters. The smooth, effortless gait is maintained with a firm back without sway, roll, whip or roach in the topline. When in a "flying trot" the feet are brought inward toward the middle of the body to maintain balance; the feet track closely but do not strike or cross over each other. Viewed from the front, the front legs function from the shoulder joint to the pad in a straight line. Viewed from the rear, the hind legs function from the hip joint to the pad in a straight line. *FAULTS OF GAIT, WHETHER VIEWED FROM THE FRONT, REAR OR SIDE, ARE CONSIDERED VERY SERIOUS.*

**Color:** The Shiloh Shepherd comes in various acceptable colors, including solid white. Strong, rich colors are preferred, *washed out pigments are considered to be a fault.* White markings on the chest and toes are acceptable, all others are considered a fault. On white dogs, coat markings that range from a very pale cream to a light biscuit tan are acceptable, but not preferred. *White markings found anywhere other than the chest and toes (except on a white dog) are a MINOR FAULT.* All dogs must have black noses, eye rims and lips. *Dogs with blue or liver colored coats and dogs with a nose that is not predominantly black are to be disqualified.*

**Coat:** There are two accepted varieties with neither being preferred over the other..

**SMOOTH:** A double coat of medium length. The undercoat is short and thick with outer guard hair lying smoothly over the top. The hair at the base of the neck area should be marginally longer than those found on the torso and form a short ruff. Longer, thinner hair will be found on the on the back of the forelegs, the rear of the hindlegs, and the tail. The head including the inner ear, legs and paws should be covered in short smooth hair.

**PLUSH:** A double coat of medium-long length coarse guard hair, with softer and shorter downy undercoat. The muzzle, front of the legs, ears, and paws are covered with short smooth hair. The lower neck to chest/shoulder area have longer hair that produce the appearance of a mane, with hair tapering slight shorter across the torso. Longer hair will be found on the "feathering" on the back/side of the ears, the back of the forelegs, the rear of the hindlegs, and the tail.

*Coats that are open, wooly, curly, too close, too long, or a tail that has a ratty coated appearance should be considered VERY SERIOUS FAULTS.*

#### **SCALE OF POINTS FOR JUDGING**

|   |    |
|---|----|
| 1) General Appearance strength, size, balance | 15 |
| 2. Character alertness and attitude           | 5  |
| 3. HEAD & EARS eyes, teeth, & neck            | 15 |
| 4. FOREQUARTERS wither, leg, feet, toes       | 10 |
| 5. PROPORTION body, chest, ribs, abdomen      | 10 |
| 6. TOPLINE, TAIL, HINDQUARTERS                | 15 |
| 7. GAIT, TRANSMISSION                         | 25 |
| 8. COLOR, COAT                                | 5  |

#### **MINOR FAULTS:**

- 1. Undue length in the loin between the ribcage and the hindquarters*
- 2. Tails that are too short, thin or ratty*
- 3. Any white markings on any part of the body, excluding the chest and toes (unless all white; then other or faded markings covering the white should be penalized)*
- 4. When in motion any back that does not remain firm, but displays a sway, whip, or roach*
- 5. An uneven topline when standing , with the withers lower than the croup.*

#### **VERY SERIOUS FAULTS:**

- 1. Undue shyness or undue aggression*
- 2. Faults of gait, whether from front, rear, or side*
- 3. Ears that are too large in proportion to the head, shows signs of weakness, or point 'east-west' away from the center of the head*

4. Any coat that is open, woolly, curly, too close or too long
5. Splay and/or hare feet, weak and/or cowhocked
6. A tail that forms a hook or ring when relaxed.

**DISQUALIFYING FAULTS:**

1. Any male (over 36 months) measuring less than 28" or female (over 36 months) measuring less than 26".
2. Dogs over 15 months of age with hanging ears
3. Any adult dogs with a distinctly overshot or undershot bite
4. A tail that is raised above the vertical line and/or past the horizontal line of the croup.