

VDD Genetic Testing and DNA Storage Program

At the 2015 VDD General meeting in Fulda Germany, a change was passed that added a new paragraph (8) to Article 28 of the VDD Breeding Regulations. The new Breeding Regulations took effect on July 1, 2015

8. **Ahnentafeln of puppies with chip or tattoo may only be issued after blood samples of the puppies have been sent off to the VDD e.V. blood bank, per request of the Zuchtbuchamt.**

This means that affective July 1, 2015 all VDD litters must have blood samples submitted to the VDD Blood Bank before the Ahnentafeln can be given to the Breeder. The VDD Blood Bank in Germany is at Hannover and is run by Prof. Dr. Ottmar Distl. VDD has entered into a 5 year contract with Dr. Distl to run this program, after which time it will be evaluated. Since sending blood samples to Germany is very problematic, VDD and Dr. Distl have set up a deal with a genetic lab in the US to receive and store the samples from North America. The name of this lab is GeneSeek and they are located in Lincoln Nebraska.

Prior to this regulation, breeders would typically send the Litter Registration paperwork to the GNA Breedwarden within the 3 weeks required. The Paperwork was sent to VDD in Germany by mail, and we would receive the Ahnentafeln and microchips, or sometimes just the ZB numbers when the puppies were 6 + weeks old. This timeline wouldn't work with the added requirements to be met, and still get the puppies to their new owners in a timely manner. In order for GNA breeders to comply with this new regulation, we have set up some protocols and changes that make it possible for things to be done in a timely manner to enable us to meet the timelines we are faced with. Please follow the timeline below to make it possible to get everything moving on time. Please use these instructions for both the Breeder and Veterinarian.

Make arrangements with the owner of the stud dog to be sure to have the Stud Dog Certificate in your possession when the litter is whelped.



Send the Litter Registration Paperwork to the GNA Breedwarden as soon as possible, following the Litter Registration Instructions. This includes the payment for registration. If puppies die before tattooing, there will be a refund for those fees. Litter Registrations received later will possibly result in a delay in getting puppies to their owners. Contact your Chapter Breedwarden to make arrangements for someone to tattoo the litter.



At approximately 6 weeks of age the puppies can be tattooed and chipped. (1) For now the most common protocol will be having the puppies tattooed at approximately 6 weeks of age. Then after a few days when the tattoo ink has flaked off and the tattoo is readable, the breeder takes them to the vet where the Blood Draw will take place. The veterinarian will identify each puppy by tattoo number in the ear. (2) Another possible protocol is to have the Tattoo Assistant both tattoo and implant the chips in the puppies. Veterinarians seem to prefer identifying puppies by microchip than by days old tattoo numbers. (3) Another possible protocol is for the Veterinarian to first implant the microchips and do the blood draw at the same visit. Then later the Tattoo Assistant can tattoo and inspect the litter, verifying identity of each puppy with a chip reader.

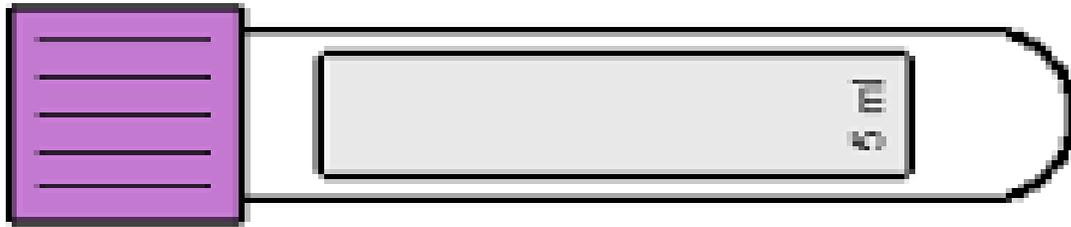
For the time being most litters will follow protocol (1) because there are just a few Tattoo Assistants at this time that have the training and equipment required for protocol's (2) and (3). Your Chapter Breedwarden can advise you on this. I think as time goes on we will move towards doing most litters following protocol (3).

In all cases it is essential for the Breeder to take the initiative to be certain that the correct puppy it tattooed or chipped using the correct ZB number. The Ahnentafel with the name, color, and sex must correspond to a puppy with that same color and sex. We can't be switching names in midstream unless the color and sex are the same.



After the tattooing and Blood Draw has been completed, the Breeder must send the Blood Draw Form as per the instructions on the "**Instructions for completing Paperwork and Shipping Samples**" page. Only then can the Group Breedwarden send the Ahnentafeln for the litter to the Breeder.

EDTA Tube Labeling



Standard EDTA Purple top tube with 3 ml blood drawn from puppy



Apply this puppy specific label provided by VDD to the EDTA Tube
Dog = Male Bitch = Female



Also apply one of the 6 Barcode labels provided with the microchip.
The last 6 digits of the 15 digit Barcode Number is the ZB-Nr. of the dog

Instructions for completing Paperwork and Shipping Samples

After the blood samples are collected and labeled (see “**EDTA Tube Labeling**” page) follow these instructions for completing and shipping the samples.

A Verification Sheet is provided to the veterinarian by the breeder. There will be two copies of the form below from the VDD. After the samples are collected, the veterinarian signs, dates, and applies the practice stamp to this form. He/she can either complete both forms, or complete one and make a copy. One of these forms is included in the package to GeneSeek. The other is to be sent to the GNA Breedwarden by the breeder.

Breed (Dog): Deutsch Drahthaar

Group: Nordamerika
 Breed Warden: Lynn S. Whiteley E-Mail: yddonabw@gmail.com
 Kennel: vom Drahthaar Litter registration number: 20180126

Breeder: John L. Doe, 4259 Kent St, Anytown, MD, 10765 / USA
 Phone No: 001-485-271-5214 Cell: 001-485-489-2144
 E-Mail: ldoe32@gmail.com

Whelped on: 13.04.2018
 Mother: / Anna vom Birdfinder
 411872 HD-frei, OCD-frei, ED-frei
 Father: / Basko vom Boarhunter
 413225 HD-frei, OCD-frei, ED-frei

ZB-Nr.	Males	Females	Color
433661	1	Andy	Brsch
433662	2	Amos	Brsch
433663	3	Archie	Brsch
433664	4	Argo	Schwesch
433665	5	Annie	Brsch
433666	6	Amy	Brsch
433667	7	Abby	Schwesch

Verification by Veterinarian

I verified the puppies identities by chip or tattoo number. Blood was drawn and samples placed in purple top tubes – EDTA as instructed. Samples were shipped to:

Stamp

Dated: _____ Signed: _____

Date of collection Vet Signature Practice Stamp

One copy of this form goes to GeneSeek with the Samples and one copy is to be sent immediately by the Breeder to the GNA Breedwarden, either by mail or Emailed as a pdf file.

The samples are collected and shipped by the veterinary clinic, which will have them in their possession until they are shipped to GeneSeek. GeneSeek recommends to ship the samples at the first part of the week (Mon – Wed), to avoid the possibility of them sitting somewhere over a weekend. They recommend sending them frozen with cold-paks. Next day or 2 day shipping is recommended in hot weather. Priority mail would save money in the cooler months.

Send samples with verification sheets to:

GeneSeek Inc.
Attn: Samples
4131 N 48th St
Lincoln, NE 68504

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Litter Registration

These are the items that are needed to complete the litter registration. To avoid delays, please use this sheet as a checklist before sending the Litter Registration.

- Litter Registration Form (Wurfmeldung)** The German/English Wurfmeldung fillable pdf files (Both 1 & 2) must be completed and printed on good quality paper. Incomplete paperwork will be returned to the breeder. It **MUST** be signed in 2 places on the back of form (Wurfmeldung) as the Owner of the Bitch/Breeder. **Be sure to check the box on whether this litter was or was not delivered by C-Section.**
When listing the names of the puppies, list males first, and then females. Keep colors together within the male and female listings. Remember that the names must differ by at least two letters, and not otherwise be too similar. This means for example that you cannot have a Dux and Dax, or a Dina and Dana in the same litter. If you are going through the alphabet for the second, third, or fourth time, the roman numerals II, III, or IV must follow all puppy names respectively. The names must also be "Gender Specific", in the opinion of the Germans. The correct color of the puppies must be entered for each puppy. The color scheme "Braun m.Brfl is now referred to as Braun m. Abz.
- Stud Service Certification (Deckbescheinigung)** This German/English Stud Certificate fillable pdf file form **MUST** be completed, printed on good quality paper, and signed in 2 places by the owner of the stud dog. It then must also be signed by the Breeder. If the stud dog owner is the breeder, don't put a dash on the line where it asks for the amount of the stud fee. If you own the stud dog enter a zero for the amount of the stud fee.
- Kennel Registration Form** (If needed) If you don't yet have a kennel registered with VDD, you will need to complete this form. It asks for three choices of a kennel name, your first choice and two alternates. Complete and sign the green English/German "Antrag auf Zwingerschutz"
- Ahnentafel** 1) You must include the original Ahnentafel of the bitch with every litter that she produces. (It is strongly recommended that you make a good copy of both sides of the bitches Ahnentafel and keep it in your records) 2) The stud dog's original Ahnentafel or a good quality copy of both sides must be included only with the first litter that he produces. Make sure that the copy was made after the Ahnentafel was stamped. "Zuchttauglich & HD-frei and OCD-frei" (If applicable)
- Fees** \$40 per puppy on litters whelped April 1, 2012 or later. If you are registering your kennel at the time of your first litter there is an additional \$100 fee for that. Make checks payable to VDD/GNA.

Send everything listed above to the GNA Breedwarden immediately after the litter is whelped. **The Breeding Regulations state that the Litter Registration must be received by the GNA GROUP BREEDWARDEN within 3 weeks, but waiting this long will make it impossible to get things back in time. Send within 3 days of whelping. It's the Breeders responsibility to have everything ready at this time. Do not send partial litter registrations. The Stud Certificate ect, should be sent with the packet by the Breeder and not the stud owner. DO NOT SEND THIS TO THE CHAPTER BREEDWARDEN. Do not use a delivery service that requires the recipient's signature as this may cause a delay in receiving it.** There is an automatic penalty of double fees if the complete litter registration is received later than three weeks from the whelping date.

The microchips and Numbers should be available at around the time the puppies are six weeks old, so that Tattooing, Chipping, and Blood Draw can take place. I would advise breeders not to promise puppies to buyers traveling long distances before they are 8 weeks of age. In accordance with the Breed Regulations Article 28 Section 5, it is the responsibility of the breeder to pay the expenses of the Tattoo Agent that performs this service. Please take care of this as soon as the inspection and tattooing are completed so the Tattoo Agent doesn't have to ask for it.

If you have any questions, please call or email me or your chapter Breedwarden. It is much better to ask questions, than to have things delayed because you didn't understand something.

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