

### **General GPCA Litter Icon Listing Rules**

1. The breeder advertising a litter must be the recorded owner/co-owner of the bitch at the time of breeding, or a lease executed for any listed breeding. (Ownership as defined by AKC)
2. The breeder listing the litter shall abide by the member approved requirements on health testing of the parents (sire/dam).
3. Each paid breeder listing on the GPCA Breeder's List is limited to three (3) litter icons per year for a total of 24 weeks per year.
4. Icons are applicable to litters only and are not applicable for adult dog placement.
5. Breeder and/or owner and any co-owners must be in good standing with GPCA and the AKC (US residents) or the kennel club in the country in which they reside (foreign members).
6. Breeders with a paid listing on the GPCA Breeder's List may use an icon to sell a puppy/puppies received as payment, once the puppy/puppies have been registered in their name to show ownership per the AKC rules of ownership. This icon is subject to the same terms and conditions as a litter icon.
7. Litter information listed is limited to: Sire, Dam, AKC titles, number of puppies available, colors of puppies available, sexes of puppies available and the date of birth of the litter.
8. All deviations from the above must be approved by the GPCA Board of Directors.
9. Icons are non-transferable from one member to another.

### **Rules Relating to Frozen Semen/Imported GP's**

1. Breeders producing a litter via use of imported frozen semen, will furnish the Monitor copies of the sire's hip and eye clearance tests from the country in which the sire resides, as well as the required test clearances for the dam.
2. Eye clearances must be current, within the one year period, at the time the semen was imported to a US breeder.
3. In the case of semen imported from a deceased dog, the eye test clearance must have been current at the time the semen was collected and frozen.
4. Adult dogs or bitches imported from overseas, must be recertified using US testing methods for hips and eyes. Imported adults must obtain an OFA or Pennhip clearance and a CERF certification to qualify as tested for a litter icon.

## **Breeders List Agreement**

In order to receive or continue a listing, the clause below will be signed by the breeder(s) each year, and further if it is found that the agreement has been broken, the listing of the breeder in non-compliance will be terminated from the list with no refund of the listing fee.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to breed only those GP 's that have passing hip exams, (either OFA or PennHip) and hold a current CERF number for eye health at the time of breeding. NOTE: CERF exam forms must be sent in to CERF, resulting in a posted CERF number. If frozen or imported semen is used to produce a litter, I agree that at the time this semen was obtained, the male providing this semen held passing eye and hip clearances from the country he resides in.

## **Health testing requirements for litter Icon listings on the Breeders Referral List**

Any breeder advertising a purebred German Pinscher litter(s) for sale on the GPCA website Breeders' List web page must provide documentation of a passing (fair or better) OFA hip certification and a passing, valid CERF certification for eye health clearance. Both clearances are required on the sire and the dam of advertised litters. (Note: CERF test results are valid for one year only from date of testing.) Additionally, breeders have the option to use PennHip rather than OFA for hip certification and must provide a passing PennHip Hip Evaluation Report. The Ethics committee or other Board designated individual or committee will monitor compliance with these requirements. Health clearances are verified by OFA and CERF numbers published on the OFA website, or by copies of the OFA and CERF certification forms mailed to the Monitor. As PennHip is a closed registry, the PennHip Hip Evaluation Report would have to be sent to the Monitor. Owners of dogs or bitches that have not reached two years of age may submit an official OFA Preliminary (Consultation) Hip Report.

### **2009ADDEMDUM:**

1. Effective August 9, 2009, the Breeders List will be reformatted and displayed as an alphabetical by state listing, with the breeders residing in each state listed alphabetically by their kennel name. This new format will make it easier for interested puppy buyers to find a breeder closest to them and relieve the webmaster of the additional workload of the rotation system.

2. Effective September 1, 2009, the additional health testing required to obtain a puppy icon on the GPCA Breeders List, that the membership approved via membership ballot early in 2009, will become effective for breeders requesting an icon. The imported semen requirement was effective June 1, 2009.

Just to refresh everyone's memory, the membership voted to pass both items below in April 2009. Item 1a goes into effect, September 1, 2009. Item 1b went into effect June 1, 2009.

1a. Increased the health test requirements on the sire and dam of a litter advertised via a puppy icon on the GPCA Breeder's List. Tests would include eyes (CERF), hips (OFA or PennHip), thyroid and von Willebrand's Disease (vWD). Breeding stock is required to be clear or passing on all health tests. For vWD, both parents must be tested clear, carrier or clear by parentage by passing DNA testing. For Thyroid both parents must be thyroid normal, vet certified.

1b. Semen imported or frozen prior to 6/1/2009 and used to produce a litter is exempt from the additional health tests, vWD and thyroid to obtain a puppy icon.

**Litter Advertising Procedure:**

- 1) The breeder requests that a litter indicator or puppy icon be added to their name and/or kennel name listing on the GPCA Breeders' List web page by first contacting the designated Monitor, Diane Austin.
- 2) The breeder will then provide the above required health information to the Monitor for verification.
- 3) Upon verification of the health testing by the Monitor, the litter designation or puppy icon will be added to the name or kennel name listed on the GPCA Breeders' List web page.
- 4) The puppy icon will remain on the web page for eight (8) weeks unless the breeder requests removal sooner.

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