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| <b>GSD</b>         | <a href="#">German Shepherd Dog</a> = Deutsche Schäferhunde (German)  |
| <b>SV</b>          | <a href="#">Verein für Deutsche Schäferhunde e. V.</a> (German) - Club for German Sepherd Dogs Inc - the main (original) GSD club and breed registry, based in Germany.   |
| <b>WUSV</b>        | The World Union of German Shepherd Dog Clubs  |
| <b>AWDF</b>        | American Working Dog Federation - an organization founded in 1989 to strengthen the working breeds in the United States. The breeds represented include German Shepherd Dogs, Malinois, Boxers, American Bulldogs, Dobermans, Rottweilers, Bouviers, Schnauzers, and American Staffordshire Terriers. |
| <b>USA = USCA</b>  | United Schutzhund Clubs of America. USA is dedicated to protecting & preserving the German Shepherd Dog's working heritage through Schutzhund training.<br><a href="http://www.germanshepherddog.com">www.germanshepherddog.com</a>   |
| <b>GSDCA-WDA</b>   | The German Shepherd Dog Club of America -Working Dog Association, Inc. The WDA provides enthusiasts a framework for activities in the United States patterned after those available to the worldwide GSD community. <a href="http://www.gsdca-wda.org">www.gsdca-wda.org</a>                          |
| <b>DVG</b>         | Deutscher Verband der Gebrauchshundsportvereine (German) DVG is the oldest and largest Schutzhund training organization in the world. Begun in 1903, DVG was Germany's first police and service dog club and has now grown to nearly 30,000 members.  |
| <b>FCI</b>         | Federation Cynologique Internationale (Fr.) - world canine organization   |
| <b>AKC</b>         | American Kennel Club. <a href="http://www.akc.org">www.akc.org</a>  |
| <b>CKC</b>         | Canadian Kennel Club  |
| <b>HD</b>          | Hip Dysplasia   |
| <b>"a" 1</b>       | HD normal - the best hip rating possible from the SV equal to OFA excellent rating.   |
| <b>"a" 2</b>       | HD fast normal - near normal hips equal to an OFA good rating.  |
| <b>"a" 3</b>       | HD noch zugelassen - hips are still acceptable for breeding equal to OFA fair rating.   |
| <b>"a"-Ausland</b> | HD certification was passed in another country rather than Germany.   |
| <b>OFA</b>         | Orthopedic Foundation for Animals – This is the organization in the USA that gives our hip and elbow rating. OFA excellent, good, fair.   |
| <b>ZW</b>          | Zuchtwert number (German.) An estimated Breed Value. Is used to aid breeders in making the selection of breeding partners for their dogs according to their hip status. A combined two hundred points is allowed between the sire and dam.  |
| <b>BSZS</b>        | Bundessieger-Zuchtschau (German) World sieger show, once a year usually in a different part of Germany. Competitors travel from all over the world to compete and watch.  |
| <b>BSP</b>         | Bundessiegerprüfung (German) German National Working German Shepherd Dog Championship - a yearly Schutzhund competition.  |
| <b>WUSV</b>        | World German Shepherd Dog Schutzhund Championship - the world Schutzhund competition where over 100 countries' teams compete each year.   |
| <b>ZB</b>          | Zuchtbewertung (Ger.) = show rating.  |
| <b>VA</b>          | Vorzüglich Auslese (German) = Excellent Select - Show rating can only be achieved at a Sieger show and is only given in the working classes. (Must pass the protection/courage test to VA in show. VA is not possible for schutzhund trial points.  |
| <b>V</b>           | Vorzüglich (German) - Excellent - Show rating awarded in working class only. Also a SchH rating V rating at schutzhund trial (300-286points).   |
| <b>SG</b>          | Sehr Gut (German) - Very Good. Is the highest possible show rating a dog can obtain until the age of two years. SG rating awarded in schutzhund trial (285-270 in points).  |

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| <b>G</b>                     | Gut (German) - Good (Show) Good work (269-240 points in trial)   |
| <b>A</b>                     | Ausreichend (German) - Sufficient (Show or working rating)   |
| <b>M</b>                     | Mangelhaft (German) - Faulty (Show or working rating)  |
| <b>U</b>                     | Unsatisfactory (Show or working rating)  |
| <b>Puppy Class</b>           | Age groups 4-6 months, 6-9 months, and 9-12 months.  |
| <b>JKL</b>                   | Jugendklasse (German) = Youth Class - age group 12-18 months.  |
| <b>JHKL</b>                  | Junghundklasse (German) = Young Dog Class - age group 18-24 months.  |
| <b>GHKL</b>                  | Gebrauchshundklasse (German) = Working Dog Class - 2 years or older, with working title (the dog must have at least a SchH1 or comparable working title in order to be shown in working class. Must have a breed survey kkl-1 to V-VA in show. Must be at least a schH.2 kkl-1 to receive VA in show. And a schH.3 to repeat the VA. |
| <b>Rüden (Ger.)</b>          | Male dogs  |
| <b>Hündinnen (Ger.)</b>      | Female dogs  |
| <b>VP</b>                    | VP - Very Promising (the highest rating awarded in Puppy Classes)  |
| <b>P</b>                     | Promising (awarded in Puppy Class)   |
| <b>NP</b>                    | Not Promising (awarded in Puppy Class)   |
| <b>Vom or Von der (Ger.)</b> | From the or Of the and the the kennel name   |
| <b>SchH</b>                  | <u>Schutzhund</u> (Ger.) = Protection Dog. There are 3 levels: SchH I, SchH II, SchH III.  |
| <b>IPO</b>                   | International title, equivalent to Schutzhund. There are 3 levels: IPO I, IPO II, IPO III. This title is typical in Austria and Switzerland. Still must be done by SV recognized judge or it does not count for breed survey.  |
| <b>AD</b>                    | Ausdauerprüfung (Ger.) - an endurance test performed by gaiting approximately six - ten miles per hour for about 12 miles with a ten minute rest halfway and a simple obedience test at the end. AD is a prerequisite for a Korung evaluation.   |
| <b>BH</b>                    | <u>Begleithunde</u> (Ger.) Prerequisite for Schutzhund. Consists of an obedience test and a traffic/temperament test. This must be done before going onto the SchH.1 title   |
| <b>Körung</b>                | SV Breed survey. The purpose of breed survey is to select from the breeding registry a number of dogs that in their character, performance, and anatomical construction appear suitable for the conservation and improvement of the breed.   |
| <b>Kkl</b>                   | Körklasse - Breed Survey class (Kkl1 or Kkl2) In order to be breed-surveyed a dog must have a SchH, HGH or IPO title, must also have approved hips, pass an AD, and have a show-rating of G or better.   |
| <b>Kkl1</b>                  | Kkl1 - the dog is especially recommended for breeding  |
| <b>Kkl2</b>                  | Kkl2 - the dog is still suitable for breeding (Variations from the breed standard in conformation, such as too small or too large, a missing tooth, structural or protection work fault, etc., are issues that can cause a dog to be Kkl2 rather than Kkl1).   |
| <b>lbz</b>                   | Lebenzeit (Ger.) = for life - The result of a Breed Survey (Körklasse) is for life (normally after the second Survey)  |
| <b>HGH</b>                   | Herdengebrauchshund (Ger.) = Herding Dog   |
| <b>PH</b>                    | Polizei Hund (Ger.) = Police Dog   |
| <b>FH</b>                    | Fährten Hund (Ger.) = Tracking Dog - Advanced tracking title   |
| <b>SAR</b>                   | Search and rescue  |
| <b>TSB</b>                   | Triebveranlung, Selbstsicherheit und Belastbarkeit (Ger.) = drive, self-confidence, and ability to handle stress - in a courage test. Ratings are "pronounced" sufficient" or  |

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|                          | "insufficient."   |
| <b>T1, T2, T3 or T4</b>  | The dog has insufficient TSB - for a variety of reasons |
| <b>WT</b>                | Wurfstag (Ger.) = date of birth                         |
| <b>Z</b>                 | Züchter (Ger.) = breeder                                |
| <b>E</b>                 | Eigentomer (Ger.) = owner                               |
| <b>H</b>                 | Halter (Ger.) = holder (used in place of second owner). |
| <b>Führer (Ger.)</b>     | Handler   |
| <b>Ahnentafel (Ger.)</b> | Pedigree (German SV pink papered pedigree).             |
| <b>Vater (Ger.)</b>      | Sire (Father)   |
| <b>Mutter</b>            | Dam (Mother)  |