

Certificate of Special Examinations U4, U5 Prior to a Dog Show – VDH LV Hessen

In consultation with the Veterinary Authority of the City of Kassel, Dr Purkl As of: July 2026

Veterinary certificate of special examinations for the detection of dogs showing indications of extreme breeding traits.

Under Section 10 No. 2 of the German Animal Welfare Dog Ordinance (Tierschutz-Hundeverordnung – TierSchHuV), it is prohibited to exhibit dogs in which, due to hereditary factors,

- **body parts or organs required for species-appropriate use are absent, unsuitable or altered, resulting in pain, suffering or harm,**
- behavioural disorders associated with suffering occur,
- any species-appropriate contact with other dogs causes pain or avoidable suffering or harm to the dog itself or another dog.

As part of the veterinary clinical examination, a professional and objective assessment of clinical findings is to be carried out. The veterinary findings serve as a basis for determining whether there are indications that the examined dog exhibits extreme breeding traits within the meaning of Section 10 No. 2 of the German Animal Welfare Dog Ordinance. The AGT Guidelines are also used as an aid to interpretation.

SPECIAL EXAMINATION

NAME / ADDRESS OF THE VETERINARY PRACTICE AND OF THE EXAMINING VETERINARIAN

Veterinary Practice

Examining Veterinarian

KEEPER / OWNER, NAME AND ADDRESS

Keeper / Owner

Date of Clinical Examination

Breed

Date of Birth / Age

Name of Dog

☐ Male ☐ Female

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Dog's Microchip Number

Additional Information

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U4: DEGENERATIVE INTERVERTEBRAL DISC DISEASE / DISCOPATHIES (IVDD), INTERVERTEBRAL DISC HERNIATION

From the age of 3 years (i.e. from the 4th year of life), annually

In particular, the following assessments / examinations:

History: Is the dog being treated with pain medication, do episodes of pain occur (sudden yelping / crying out, particularly during certain movements), are movement disorders present?

☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please specify:

Palpation of the back, particularly the thoracic / lumbar spine: pain reactions / tenderness?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Assessment of cervical spine mobility: is the neck freely mobile?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Assessment of postural reaction / proprioceptive positioning response (tested on both hind limbs)

☐ Elicitable ☐ Not elicitable or delayed response

Prüfung Pannikulusreflex (Cutaneus-trunci-Reflex):

☐ Elicitable ☐ Not elicitable, from spinal segment:

Abnormal gait (e.g. stiff gait, arched back), ataxia or impaired coordination of the hind limbs, muscle atrophy of the hind limbs, reduced ability to stand and walk / paralysis

☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please specify:

The following **additional examinations** (e.g. hopping reaction, etc.):

☐ No findings ☐ The following findings / abnormalities:

OVERALL RESULT

Orthopaedic / neurological examination completed in full

☐ No suspicious findings ☐ Suspicious finding:

☐ Diagnostic imaging (radiography / CT / MRI) performed
Findings / abnormalities on diagnostic imaging (diagnostic report required):

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U5: (PRIMARY) DILATED CARDIOMYOPATHY (DCM) ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY (CARDIAC ULTRASOUND) AND / OR ECG

From the age of 2 years [i.e. from the 3rd year of life], every two years

☐ **Echocardiography** performed

☐ No findings ☐ Findings / abnormalities:

☐ **ECG** performed (Dobermann only: 24-hour ECG)

☐ No findings ☐ Findings / abnormalities:

Date

Signature of Examining Veterinarian

Practice stamp