

Ask the Judge

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In an effort to keep our membership informed the DKGNA Director of Testing has asked the following questions to DKV Director of Testing Andreas Thomschke.

Question 1: Can a dog be tested with no or not current Rabies certificate?

In this case, the official veterinary regulations of the respective country must be observed. A dog that cannot present a rabies vaccination - at least it is so in Germany according to the official regulations - cannot be tested and the entry fee is forfeited. However, it is a prerequisite that the announcement and the program stipulate that the dogs must have a current rabies vaccination - at least 2 years - by submitting the vaccination certificate. *(The DKGNA requires a current Rabies certificate be presented for each dog present at all DKGNA events)*

Question 2: Can a dog be tested if the owner has a copy or does not have the original pedigree?

The dog cannot be tested without an original pedigree; a copy of the pedigree is not acceptable. This must be clearly stated in the test program.

Question 3: Can a FCI registered dog without a tattoo or microchip be tested?

Yes, not all FCI dogs are chipped or tattooed. Dogs with FCI pedigree are accepted per our regulations. Other breeds with FCI pedigrees may be tested in a Derby and Solms. These dogs receive a "Qualified for Prize" score on the pedigree, scoresheet and Urkunde. The "qualified for prize" score is similar to DKV dogs that test and are marked unbreedable to defects.