

ASK A JUDGE

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Here are some of the DKV Test and Zuchtschau questions that you have submitted. Please continue to email your questions to me at jpkalt@gmail.com.

Q1: You asked if a dog eats, chews, severely plucks, buries or damages game (feather or fur) during a test. Is the dog marked “non-breedable” on the test score sheet or Ahnentafel?

A1: The answer is no. Dogs that damage or bury game during the test may not continue the test but this behavior does not exclude a dog from breeding qualification. The DKV General Regulations Section IV – Evaluation Principles is the only section in the testing regulation that lists specific temperament and physical faults that make a dog non-breedable (ZUCHTUNTAUGLICH, not qualified for breeding). This testing regulation section lists gun shy and temperament faults (shyness, hyperactivity, fear of live game) as breeding disqualification faults. Also, the testing score sheet lists additional non-breedable faults: Nervous, hand-shy, fearful behavior towards strangers and eliminating physical deficiencies in the eyes, teeth, bite and testicles.

The game damaging rules DO NOT apply to young dogs in the Derby/VJP test because there are no scored retrieve events during those tests and there is no expectation for the young dog to retrieve game.

Q2: You ask if your 70 cm tall DK male (FCI Standard: 62 – 66 cm) is qualified for the DKV breeding program?

A2: The answer is yes. The 2018 DKV Breeding Regulations, Section 4 – Dogs for Breeding/Breeding Qualifications states that a dog requires a conformation score of at least good (“G”) to be breed eligible and may not have a EXCLUDING FAULT that is listed in the DKV breeding regulation or FCI Standard Deutsch-Kurzhaar. The FCI standard lists faults in three categories: Faults, Serious Faults and Eliminating Faults. Only the faults specifically listed in the “Eliminating Fault” category may be used to exclude a dog from breeding.

A deviation of “more than 2 cm” from the given height at the withers is listed as a SERIOUS FAULT in the FCI standard and NOT listed as an eliminating fault in the DKV Breeding Regulation or FCI Standard Deutsch-Kurzhaar. The height deviation is not a listed eliminating fault for breeding.

The too tall or small dog can receive a “SG” or “G” Zuchtschau rating. This dog should not receive a “V” excellent rating because it has a serious fault; more than 2 cm outside the height standard. The final decision is made by the conformation judge, but this judge cannot use the “height” of the dog as an eliminating fault and grade the dog “Ungen.” (Ungenügend, not qualified for breeding); because the dog’s height (too short or tall) is NOT listed as an eliminating fault in the DKV breeding regulation or in the FCI Standard Deutsch-Kurzhaar.

The listed excluding faults from the breeding program are temperament and physical faults. The list includes any kind of gun sensitivity (excluding slight gun sensitivity), gun shyness, people shyness, nervousness, fear of live game, fear biting, being loud without the presence of game, dogs with epileptic seizures (seizures of any kind), Atypical gender appearance (the dog’s gender is not identifiable by appearance or has the opposite sex appearance), over/under bite, teeth outside the dental arch, more than 6 incisor teeth, eyelid faults, excessive swayback, chest malformations, testicle faults and any weakness in character.