

**SECTION 31. RKNA STANDARD EVALUATION (SE) \* By June 01, 2019 SE and ZTP will require JLPP testing in addition to the listed requirements.**

The SE is not a breed survey. Dogs that pass are certified that the dog has a passing hip and elbow rating, confirms full dentition and correct scissor bite, and is free of disqualifying faults under FCI standard with correct temperament. If a dog has an SE and loses a tooth, the dog may still attempt the Ztp. Dogs can only attempt the SE three times. Upon the third failure, a dog may not attempt the test again.

1. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: Originals documents must be submitted to the Show Secretary on the date of the evaluation.
  - A. The dog must have a passing hip and elbow rating with OFA, ADRK or FCI.
  - B. Passing hips defined: OFA Excellent, Good or Fair, ADRK HD Free or HD+/-, or FCI HD A or HD B.**
  - C. Passing elbows defined: OFA Normal, Grade I or Grade II, ADRK ED Free, ED+/-, ED+ or FCI ED 0 or ED 1.**
  - D. A weight certificate (issued within 20 days of the test) may be substituted for weighing the dog if no scale is available.
  - E. Permanent identification (tattoo or microchip). If a dog is AKC registered, the dog must have paperwork tying the AKC registration papers into the dog such as a letter from their vet stating they have been presented with AKC registration papers stating the registered name of the dog and the permanent identification found on the dog.
2. PROCEDURE:
  - A. The tattoo or microchip number shall be read out loud to confirm the ID at the beginning of the evaluation.
  - B. Dogs will be weighed, measured and critiqued. Character traits of the dog become more or less apparent during the weighing and measuring process.
  - C. Once the conformation and soundness qualifications have been met, the dog's traffic sureness is tested. This test includes a gun sureness test and a test to ensure the dog is stable around the public.
3. The following tests will be done to establish the interaction in a group and sensitivity to noise.
  - ~~A. THE GROUP. The handler with dog on leash walks through a group of five to eight people. The handler and dog return to the center of the group where the dog sits. The group, when instructed by the judge, converges on the dog and handler and remains there until told by the judge to disperse. The handler may hold the dog's collar when the group converges on the dog.~~
  - B. GUN FIRE. The handler and dog walk away from the judge. At a minimal distance of fifteen paces, a 22 short blank starter pistol, or its equivalent, is fired twice with a short interval in between each shot. Should the dog have a reaction to the gunfire, this exercise may be varied and repeated at the judge's discretion. If the dog continues to show a strong reaction to gunfire, the test is stopped and the dog is deemed not breed worthy.
  - C. GUN FIRE REACTION IN GENERAL: No reaction or slight reactions (like turning towards the noise) are both considered to be acceptable reactions. Jumping is considered faulty, and trying desperately to run away is considered very faulty and if repeated can cause the dog to fail.**
  - D. NOISE SENSITIVITY: The sound sensitivity and the behavior against peaceful persons in a quiet environment it tested. On the way to the group of people and after the gun shot evaluation, the dog and handler walk through the group of people while on leash, at a time instructed by the Judge a canister with rocks, coins, fursaver collar, ect is shaken near to the dog to create an acoustic stimulus. The noise exercise is repeated up to two more times at the judge's discretion. The dog should be free and open minded in every exercise. If a dog shows undesirable reactions to the noise he is excluded from further examination. The noise evaluation may vary pending the Judges preference.**
4. The SE dogs can be grouped with the Ztp dogs so all the SE and Ztp dogs are tested for their interaction in a group and sensitivity to noise at the same time.
5. HOST CLUBS RESPONSIBILITIES:
  - A. Shall provide a 4x8-ft. piece of plywood or cement surface for the dogs to stand on while being measured.
  - B. Must advertise the date, time and location of the SE in the show premium.
  - C. Shall download SE forms from the RKNA website. Only RKNA forms may be used.
  - D. Shall provide numbers for each SE entrant.
  - E. Shall provide a working public address (PA) system with microphone.
  - F. Shall provide at least 5-8 people to form a group during the temperament testing. The group should stay the same for all the entries.
  - G. Shall provide a 22 short blank pistol or its equivalent.
  - H. Shall ensure the following equipment is available for the SE.
    - eye chart
    - wicket
    - head/skull measurement device
    - metric tape measure

- I. Properly complete the SE form, provide a copy for the Judge, owner and provide a signed by Judge copy for RKNA records. A photo can be taken of the signed form and submitted to the RKNA if a photocopier/scanner is not on hand.
- J. Provide participant with an official host club SE certificate upon passing.

**SECTION 32. RKNA BREED SURVEYS (Ztp and Advanced Breed Survey (Gekört) \* By June 01, 2019 SE and ZTP will require JLPP testing in addition to the listed requirements.**

The breed surveys are an evaluation of a dog's temperament, character and working ability. They are designed to select those Rottweilers who are worthy of being bred and are modeled after the standards of the ADRK's breed test. There are two levels Breed Survey (ZTP) and Advanced Breed Survey (Gekört) and Gekört bis EzA.

The name of the events for the advanced breed survey tests is called the Körung. The title earned at a dog's first Körung is Gekört. The title earned at a dog's second Körung is Gekört bis EzA which is the lifetime breed survey test (Lifetime Korung). The Gekört must be offered at the RKNA Spring Sieger Show and the RKNA Klub Sieger Show. The Gekört is optional to be offered at the Meisterschaft.

1. **Zuchtauglichkeitsprüfung (Ztp).** The dog's conformation must be judged of breeding quality and free of disqualifying faults. Once the conformation and soundness qualifications have been met, the dog's temperament is tested. This test includes a gun sureness test, a protection test and a test to ensure the dog is stable around the public. The Rottweiler Klub of North America strongly believes that these tests are vital to maintain the Rottweiler in type and temperament. Dogs can only attempt breed survey titles three times. Upon the third failure, a dog may not attempt the test again.
2. **ZTP ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:** Originals documents must be submitted to the Breed Survey Secretary on the date of the breed survey. Entry to the breed survey will not be accepted without presenting the following original documents prior to taking the test:
  - A. Dog owners must be RKNA or ADRK members to enter.
  - B. The dog must have a minimum BH degree under FCI rules.**
  - C. The dog must have a passing hip and elbow rating with OFA, ADRK or FCI.**
  - D. Passing hips defined: OFA Excellent, Good or Fair, ADRK HD Free or HD+/-, or FCI HD A or HD B.
  - E. Passing elbows defined: OFA Normal, Grade I or Grade II, ADRK ED Free, ED+/-, ED+ or FCI ED 0 or ED 1.
  - F. A weight certificate (issued within 20 days of the test) may be substituted for weighing the dog if no scale is available.
  - G. Permanent identification (tattoo or microchip). If a dog is AKC registered, the dog must have paperwork tying the AKC registration papers into the dog such as a letter from their vet stating they have been presented with AKC registration papers stating the registered name of the dog and the permanent identification found on the dog.
  - H. Dogs may enter the Ztp in spite of lost teeth provided copies of the dog's RKNA SE is submitted with the entry and the original documentation is presented on the day of the test.
3. **ZTP INFORMATION FOR OWNERS/HANDLERS**
  - A. The owner and/or handler of any dog are liable for any damage caused by his or her dog.
  - B. The entry form and copies of all required documents for the breed survey must be sent to the Breed Survey Secretary before the entry closing date.
  - C. Dogs born in countries where docking is forbidden by law shall be shown with the tail left in its natural state. If the tail has been docked, the dog shall not be allowed to participate.
  - D. The only collar allowed is a fur saver.
  - E. There shall be no preference in critiquing dogs with docked tails or for dogs with tails left in the natural state.
  - F. It must be possible to identify the dog by means of a tattoo number or microchip. A microchip reader must be provided by the dog's owner and/or handler.
  - G. A breed survey judge must be a licensed ADRK show judge, ADRK Körmeister or RKNA Breed Judge.
  - H. Any judge invited to evaluate a breed survey must abide by the rules as outlined in the Policy Manual.
  - I. A member of the RKNA Executive Board or a RKNA Regional Director may request to terminate any breed survey found to be in violation of RKNA policies and procedures as outlined in the Manual.
  - J. The judgment of the Körmeister or Judge is final. No appeals are possible.
  - K. Only Rottweilers registered with a national registry who meet the following criteria by the event closing date are eligible for the breed survey:
    - The dog must have a passing hip and elbow certification from the ADRK, FCI or OFA.
    - The dog must have a minimum BH degree under FCI rules.
  - L. Originals of the following documents must be submitted to the Breed Survey Secretary the date of the breed

survey. Entry to the breed survey will not be accepted without presenting the following original documents prior to taking the test:

1. Registration for the dog being entered.
  2. Scorebook showing titles earned (minimum of BH), scorebook number, and registered name of the dog.
  3. Passing hip and elbow certification.
  4. Weight certificate dated within 20 days of test date.
- M. Sick dogs are not to be presented. The judge is to be made aware of any females in heat in order to coordinate their participation.
- N. Dogs shall be judged first, followed by bitches with bitches in season last.
- O. If a dog fails a breed survey, two more attempts may be made unless the judge indicates that a retest will not be allowed.
- P. The handler may hold the dog's collar when the group converges on the dog in the traffic sureness test
4. **ZTP PROCEDURE (Evaluation and Performance Routine).**
- A. The Host Club is responsible for providing a written explanation of the test to exhibitors. A dog must pass measuring and be critiqued before being allowed to proceed to protection. A dog must pass protection to proceed to the traffic sureness test.
- B. Clubs should work with the Helper Committee or EB to ensure qualified helpers are secured (See Helper Section) The helper must work all dogs in an equal manner and should not be overly hard at any time. The stick hits should be moderate and a leather covered stick must be used. The sleeve should be broken in but not mutilated. Helpers must wear a trial jacket and trial helper pants. Helpers may not be the helper at any RKNA event for any dog he/she owns, co- owns or lives with.
- C. The FCI Standard for the Rottweiler will be used for judging this event with the exception that docked dogs will be allowed to participate.
- D. The tattoo or microchip number shall be read out loud as part of the measuring and critique. Dogs will be weighed, measured and critiqued. A weight certificate (issued within 10 days of the test) may be substituted for weighing the dog if no scale is available. Character traits of the dog become more or less apparent during the weighing and measuring process.

The following tests will be done to establish the interaction in a group and sensitivity to noise. **The following tests may be done on leash, off leash or a combination of both at the Judge's discretion. The leash requirement must be the same for all dogs entered on the day.**

- **THE GROUP.** The handler with dog on leash walks through a group of five to eight people. The handler and dog return to the center of the group where the dog sits. The group, when instructed by the judge, converges on the dog and handler and remains there until told by the judge to disperse. ~~The handler may hold the dog's collar when the group converges on the dog.~~
- **GUN FIRE.** The handler and dog walk away from the judge. At a minimal distance of fifteen paces, a 22 short blank starter pistol, or its equivalent, is fired twice with a short interval in between each shot. Should the dog have a reaction to the gunfire, this exercise may be varied and repeated at the judge's discretion. If the dog continues to show a strong reaction to gunfire, the test is stopped and the dog is deemed not breed worthy.
- **GUN FIRE REACTION IN GENERAL:** No reaction or a slight reaction (like turning towards the noise) are both considered to be acceptable reactions. Jumping is considered faulty, and trying desperately to run away is considered very faulty and if repeated can cause the dog to fail.
- **NOISE SENSITIVITY:** The sound sensitivity and the behavior against peaceful persons in a quiet environment it tested. On the way to the group of people and after the gun shot evaluation, the dog and handler walk through the group of people while on leash, at a time instructed by the Judge a canister with rocks, coins, fursaver collar, ect is shaken near to the dog to create an acoustic stimulus. The noise exercise is repeated up to two more times at the judge's discretion. The dog should be free and open minded in every exercise. If a dog shows undesirable reactions to the noise he is excluded from further examination. The noise evaluation may vary pending the Judges preference.

E. **ZTP PROTECTION PERFORMANCE ROUTINE**

- effective October 15, 2015, the protection routine shall be the ADRK Ztp protection routine which is the FCI IPO 1 protection routine with two exceptions:
- Upon instruction from the judge, the handler can walk up to the dog in the blind and take hold of the dog's collar and drag the dog from the blind and then call out the helper.
- After the out on the long bite, the handler can grab the dog's collar and keep hold of it while heeling to the far end of the field for the long bite.

The FCI IPO rule book can be downloaded from the RKNA website.

- Clubs must supply two demo dogs which can be alternate breeds. Dogs entered in the Ztp may not be used as one of the demo dogs.

5. **ZTP HOST CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES** The host club:

- Shall have a Breed Survey Secretary who is a current member of RKNA. This Secretary is responsible for preparation and completion of the required paperwork for the Breed Surveys. He/she must be knowledgeable in all Breed Survey procedures. The Breed Survey Secretary may not sign any paperwork on a dog he/she owns, co-owns or lives with and may not be an entrant or handler at the Breed Survey.
- Shall ensure the helper is skilled and capable of catching dogs safely. The host club shall not permit any helper to be helper during a breed survey test on any dog that the helper owns, co-owns or lives with. The host club shall ensure the helper uses the same trial sleeve on all dogs. The sleeve used at a breed survey must be a regulation trial sleeve with the sleeve cover in good repair.
- Shall provide a translator if necessary. The translator must be capable of quickly and accurately translating the judges' remarks. This may be done by more than one person. A translator shall not provide translation for his or her own dog.
- Shall provide a 4x8-ft. piece of plywood or cement surface for the dogs to stand on while being measured.
- Must advertise the date, time and location of the Ztp and/or the Gekört in the show premium.
- Shall download Ztp, and/or Gekört forms from the RKNA website. Only RKNA forms may be used.
- Shall provide numbers for each Ztp and/or Gekört entrant.
- Shall provide a working public address system with microphone.
- Shall provide at least 5-8 people to form a group during the temperament testing. The group should stay the same for all the entries.
- Shall provide an advertised time and place for open helper tryouts for the event.
- Shall provide a 22 short blank pistol or its equivalent.
- Properly complete the Breed Survey form, provide a copy for the Judge, owner and provide a signed by Judge copy for RKNA records. A photo can be taken of the signed form and submitted to the RKNA if a photocopier is not on hand.
- Provide participant with an official host club Breed Survey certificate upon passing.

6. Shall ensure the following equipment is available for all breed surveys:

- eye chart
- wicket
- head/skull measurement device
- metric tape measure

7. **Gekört (First Körung) or Gekört bis EzA (Lifetime Körung) Test is called the Körung titles earned are Gekört and Gekört bis EzA**

Information for Owners/Handlers

- The owner and/or handler of any dog are liable for any damage caused by his or her dog.
- The entry form for Gekört or Gekört bis EzA must be sent to the Breed Survey Secretary before the entry closing date.
- Dogs born in countries where docking is forbidden by law shall be shown with the tail left in its natural state. If the tail has been docked, the dog shall not be allowed to participate.
- There shall be no preference in critiquing dogs with docked tails or for dogs with tails left in the natural state.
- It must be possible to identify the dog by means of a tattoo number or microchip. A microchip reader must be provided by the dog's owner or handler.
- The following original documents must be submitted to the Breed Survey Secretary on the day of the Gekört:
  - Registration papers for the dog entered
  - RKNA or ADRK Ztp Certificate or RKNA or ADRK Gekört Certificate if entering a Gekört bis EzA
  - Scorebook showing titles earned, show ratings, scorebook number, and full registered name of the dog
  - Passing hip and elbow certification from ADRK, FCI or OFA.
  - Three (3) show critiques with show ratings of SG or higher.

8. Certificate confirming litter registration requirements with a national breed registry if entering a lifetime Gekört.
  - A. Should any of the requirements not be fulfilled prior to the start of the Körung (test), the dog shall not perform the test and the entry will not be refunded.
9. **First Körung - Gekört Prerequisites**
  - A. A male must be a minimum of thirty-six (36) months of age. A bitch must be a minimum of thirty (30) months of age.
  - B. The dog must have passed a RKNA Ztp or ADRK Ztp prior to the entry closing date.
  - C. The dog must have obtained three (3) show critiques with a SG or V Rating from two different judges.
  - D. A male must have passed an IPO 3 title. A bitch must have passed an IPO 1 title.
  - E. The dog must have passed an Endurance Test (AD).
  - F. The dog must have correct mouth pigmentation and dark eyes (1a - 3a).
  - G. Dogs may enter the Gekört (First Körung) in spite of lost teeth provided copies of the dog's RKNA or ADRK Ztp and three (3) show critiques from adult classes showing complete scissors bite are submitted with the entry and the original documentation is presented on the day of the Körung.
  - H. A dog must pass measuring and be critiqued before being allowed to proceed to protection. A dog must pass protection to proceed to the traffic sureness test.
10. **Lifetime Körung - Gekört bis EzA Prerequisites**
  - A. The dog must have previously passed the RKNA or ADRK First Gekört.
  - B. The lifetime Gekört may be attempted no sooner than the third Körung event after the First Gekört was earned and no later than two (2) years.
  - C. After passing a first Gekört and before attempting a lifetime Gekört a male must have sired at least three (3) litters registered with a national breed registry. A bitch must have whelped at least one (1) litter registered with a national breed registry. All pups must be free of disqualifying fault.
  - D. Dogs may enter a lifetime Gekört in spite of lost teeth provided copies of the dog's First Gekört and three (3) show critiques from adult classes showing complete scissors bite are submitted with the entry and the original documentation is presented on the day of the Körung.
11. **First Gekört and Lifetime Gekört Evaluation and Performance Routine held at Körungs**
  - a. The purpose of the first Gekört and lifetime Gekört bis EzA is to find the best dogs in order to improve the overall qualities of the Rottweiler.
  - b. The protection routine shall be the FCI IPO 3 protection routine. The IPO rule book can be downloaded from the RKNA website.
12. Additional information regarding breed surveys
  - A. The President of RKNA, or a person delegated by him/her, will officiate at all Körung events. The delegate must have experience in the Körung.
  - B. The President, or delegate appointed by The President, the Director of Regions, or delegate appointed by the Director of Regions, and the judge shall oversee the helper selection, their equipment and helper work for all breed surveys at the RKNA Spring Sieger Show, RKNA Klub Sieger Show and Meisterschaft, according to the guidelines set by the RKNA.
  - C. The helper must work all dogs in an equal manner and should not be overly hard at any time. The stick hits should be moderate and a leather covered stick must be used. The sleeve should be broken in but not mutilated. Helpers must wear a Trial Jacket and Trial Pants. Helpers may not be helper for any dog he/she owns, co-owns or lives with.
  - D. The only collar allowed is a fur saver.
  - E. All dogs entered for a breed survey at an event must be worked on the same trial sleeve.
  - F. Dogs shall be judged first, followed by bitches with bitches in season last.
  - G. The judgment of the Körmeister or Judge is final. No appeals are possible.
  - H. If a dog fails a first Gekört one more attempt may be made. If a dog fails a lifetime Gekört one more attempt may be made within 2 years of the first attempt.
  - I. The Körung results (pass or fail) will be posted on the RKNA website.
  - J. The Host Club is responsible for providing a written explanation of the test to exhibitors.
  - K. For the Gekört a performance level higher than that of a RKNA Ztp and with greater character examination is required.
  - L. Dogs will be weighed, measured and critiqued. A weight certificate (issued within 20 days of the test) may be substituted for weighing the dog if no scale is available.
  - M. The tattoo or microchip number shall be read out loud as part of the measuring and critique.
  - N. The following tests will be done to establish the interaction in a group and sensitivity to noise:
    1. The Group. The handler with dog on leash walks through a group of five to eight people. The handler and

dog return to the center of the group where the dog sits. The group, when instructed by the judge, converges on the dog and handler and remains there until told by the judge to disperse.

2. The Gun. The handler and dog walk away from the judge. At a distance of fifteen paces, a 22 short blank starter pistol, or its equivalent, is fired twice with a short interval in between each shot. Should the dog have a reaction to the gunfire, this exercise may be varied and repeated at the judge's discretion. If the dog continues to show a strong reaction to gunfire, the test is stopped and the dog is deemed not breed worthy.

13. Additional information.

- A. Further character examination will be performed analogous to the IPO 3 routine.
- B. Special attention will be paid to the natural inherited genetic characteristics of the dog.
- C. Dogs who stray away from the helper more than 5 meters will be automatically failed.
- D. Dogs who release the grip of the helper's arm due to the stick hits will be automatically failed.
- E. A dog must pass measuring and be critiqued before being allowed to proceed to protection. A dog must pass protection to proceed to the traffic sureness test.

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