

Schutzhund

Schutzhund's purpose was to determine which dogs should be used for breeding that had working ability. The growing demand for better working dogs made more sophisticated tests and training necessary. These dogs were needed for police training, border patrol, customs, military, and herding activities. Schutzhund tests the dog's mental stability, endurance, structural efficiencies, ability to scent, willingness to work, courage, & trainability.

You are judged in the sport of Schutzhund in three areas, tracking, obedience and protection. You must first pass a temperament test and obtain a BH title to be able to advance to the working titles. The BH is an obedience title only. Note that your dog will be judged on his temperament throughout the trial. The judge's decision is final, it can be challenged after the trial, there is a process to follow. He will give you a critique in private and to the entire group. When you go to trials, go and listen to the critique, you can learn a lot from other's critiques.

There are minimum age requirements to enter your dog for the various titles.

BH = 15 Months

IPO1 = 18 Months

IPO2 = 19 Months

IPO3 = 20 Months

FH1 = 18 Months

FH2 = 18 Months