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### I. OVERVIEW OF THE BREED SURVEY

<u>Breed Survey Basic (BSB)</u>	<u>Breed Survey Advanced (BSA)</u>
Untrained (in protection) working dogs	Protection trained dogs
Working Title required	BH required
Serious threat to handler	Attack on Handler
	Courage Test
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Entry requirements are identical.</li><li>• All health testing requirements are identical—a and b designations indicate health testing status.</li><li>• Judging and judging procedures are identical.</li><li>• The Temperament portion of the Breed Survey is identical. The Protection portion is different.</li><li>• Modified <u>UDC</u> Standard is used for both categories. The modified <u>UDC</u> Standard allows only 2 missing teeth.</li><li>• Spayed/Neutered dogs will be permitted to test.</li></ul>	

### II. INTRODUCTION

This document shall be the official rules for the conduct of all Breed Survey events sanctioned by the United Doberman Club.

The purpose of the UDC Breed Survey is to promote the Total Doberman by evaluating the structure and mentality, and recording current health data on individual dogs and having all this information available in the data base for reference. Members may avail themselves of this resource in order to make informed decisions in regard to puppies, breeding partners, etc. This is a basic entry level evaluation intended to assess the overall dog.

The UDC Breed Survey is not a trial-like competition but purely a means to evaluate dog's natural drives and instincts. The participating dogs may be "trained and prepared" for the evaluations; they may have participated in different trials (Schutzhund etc.), or they may enter the evaluation without any specific pre-training.

### III. GENERAL INFORMATION

#### A. CATEGORIES

1. There are two breed survey categories:
  - a) Breed Survey Basic (BSB). The BSB shall be for working dogs defined by the UDC conformation rules and regulations. (Guide and Assistance dogs, Therapy

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dogs, Obedience, Search and Rescue, Tracking, Agility. Fly ball is not considered a working title) Sport dogs may enter this evaluation.

- b) Breed Survey Advanced (BSA). The BSA shall be for trained dogs (i.e. Sport dogs as defined by the UDC Conformation rules, or dogs that have had some protection training). A BH is required for entry.
- 2. These evaluations are not to be considered separate entities. Exhibitors should carefully consider which breed survey category would be best for their dog after consulting the rules. The exact differences between each of the categories are noted in the section on Evaluation Procedures.
- 3. A failure at any level of the evaluation shall be considered a failure of the Breed Survey. That dog shall not be permitted to retake that evaluation or any other evaluation subsequently. A dog who is "held back" may retake the test after a 3 month waiting period.
- 4. A dog that has successfully passed the BSB may at a later date take the BSA which includes bite work, because it permits a more intensive evaluation of the dog's character. The BSB designation shall be relinquished when the dog is presented for the BSA.

### **B. USE OF A BREED SURVEY DESIGNATION.**

- 1. The use of any Breed Survey designation shall only be used after the owner receives the official certificate from the UDC Registrar.
- 2. Owners may not advertise a Breed Survey as "pending UDC confirmation."
- 3. A violation of this section is considered to be a violation of the UDC Code of Ethics, constituting false advertising.

### **C. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

- 1. Age: All dogs entered in any Breed Suitability Test shall be at least 24 months of age on the day of the evaluation.
- 2. Documentation and Proof of Titles: Copies of required working titles must be included with the entry forms. All health testing and copies of the certificates must accompany the entry form.
- 3. Identification: All dogs shall have a means of permanent identification, either a legible tattoo and /or a microchip.
- 4. Registration: All dogs must be registered with the UDC.

### **D. DURATION OF DESIGNATION**

- 1. The Breed Survey rating is applicable for the entire duration of a dog's life, unless revoked by the UDC Breed Survey Committee.
- 2. This revocation shall be made in writing to the owner via a registered letter.
- 3. No notification will be made for dogs that relinquish the BSB as a consequence of attempting the BSA.

### **E. OUT**

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1. The UDC requires that all BSA dogs demonstrate at least one “OUT” during the protection portion of the evaluation.

### **F. NUMBER OF DOGS IN A BREED SURVEY EVENT**

1. Breed Survey events may be run together on the same day.
2. If less than 10 dogs are entered in all categories, the show giving club may cancel the evaluation and refund the entry fees, OR, they may elect to proceed with the evaluations.
3. A maximum of 22 dogs shall be judged by any one judge on any one day.

### **G. COLLARS AND LEASHES**

1. All dogs will be kept on appropriate collars and leashes for each portion of the evaluation.
2. The handler can use any collar they prefer for the conformation evaluation phase.
3. A heavy leash and wide leather or double layer nylon collars and slip chain collars (double collared) will be used for the temperament phase of the BSB.
4. A metal slip collar with the leash attached to the dead ring will be used for the BSA.
5. Prong collars and electronic collars shall not be allowed.

### **H. CONDUCT**

1. Exhibitors shall conduct themselves in a sportsman like manner at all times during these evaluations.

### **I. ONE HANDLER PER DOG**

1. There shall be one handler per dog throughout the evaluation.
2. Any assistance that might be required will be at the discretion of the judge.

## **IV. JUDGES AND JUDGING PROCEDURES**

### **A. APPLICATION FOR AN EVENT**

1. Breed Surveys can be held if authorization from the UDC has been given, the event has been published, and deadlines adhered to. (See UDC Administration Manual for details).
2. Breed Survey applications shall include the name and address of the evaluation giving club, the name and address of the Chair, the name and address of the Judge, the exact location and the starting time of the evaluation and the deadline for entries.

### **B. JUDGES**

1. The club selects the Judge and the helper. The selected judge's name will be submitted to the UDC Judge's Committee who will review the selection and make a recommendation to the UDC Board for approval. The judge shall be named in the premium list.

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2. If there is a substitution of a judge, the exhibitor will be given the option of proceeding with the evaluation or a refund of the entry fees.
3. No dogs owned by the judge or his immediate family can participate in the evaluations judged by him.
4. Only UDC approved Judges may be used.
5. The Breed Survey Judge is responsible for:
  - a) Determining the suitability of the general evaluation location and the location of the individual evaluation procedures.
  - b) Determining the suitability of the helper.
  - c) Determining which stewards are to help with each portion of the evaluation.
  - d) Determining whether the equipment provided is suitable.
6. Only the Judge, Apprentice Judges (including Judges College Participants), the Breed Survey Chair, the Group, Official Stewards and the helper will be allowed on the field during the judging of any entrant.

### **V. BREED SURVEY CHAIR**

- A. The Breed Survey Chair is responsible for:
1. The uninterrupted completion of the entire evaluation as well as the availability of all equipment and personnel necessary for the evaluation.
  2. Checking all documents and preparing the evaluation paperwork. The Chair verifies the helper has appropriate insurance.
  3. Having sufficient stewards and people for the group.
  4. Ensuring all dogs do not disturb the evaluation in any way.
  5. Responsible for notifying exhibitors of the order of judging and posting of same.
  6. Responsible for checking all collars and leashes used by exhibitors at each stage of the evaluations.
  7. Posting an approximate schedule.
  8. Ensuring spectators remain off the evaluation field.

### **VI. JUDGING ORDER**

- A. Dogs will be judged first, followed by Bitches.
- B. Bitches in season will be evaluated last; after all other dogs have completed their evaluations.

### **VII. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES**

- A. The judge shall enter his observations on the Breed Survey papers.
- B. All survey papers must be signed by the Chair and the judge.

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- C. After the conclusion of the evaluation, the results are to be given to each dog's owner, co-owner or handler. A duplicate will be sent to the UDC Administrator of records within 3 days. A duplicate will be given to the presiding judge.
- D. All financial matters shall be settled immediately.
- E. Objections regarding formal errors must be brought to the attention of the Breed Survey Chair on the day of the evaluation. If resolution of the matter cannot be achieved, the matter shall be presented to the UDC Board of Directors, in writing, for a decision. That decision shall be final.
- F. Decisions of the judge, and his Character Classifications and Conformation Ratings shall be indisputable.

### **VIII. LOCATION AND EQUIPMENT**

#### **A. Location**

- 1. Ideally the dimensions of the location will be at least 50 by 100 yards.
- 2. It will contain an area for spectators and a location where dogs may be kept quiet while waiting for their turns. There will be a hiding place for the helper.
- 3. The hiding place shall definitely be variable so that no pattern training of local club dogs can be done. Cars, corners, recesses of walls, or tree and shrub groups can be selected for this purpose.

#### **B. Equipment and Personnel**

- 1. Breed Survey Chair
- 2. At least one steward
- 3. 4 to 6 people for the group
- 4. A jogger
- 5. Schutzhund helper Equipped with bite pants, jacket, sleeve and padded stick (not too bendable). The helper must carry insurance for this evaluation work.
- 6. A microchip scanner
- 7. A wicket and a hard level surface suitable for measuring
- 8. A spring loaded opening umbrella
- 9. A satchel or large plastic bucket with noisy objects inside
- 10. 6mm starter pistol with black powder blanks
- 11. 20 foot, non chewable, tie out line with a tie out stake. A spring or relatively short bungee will be attached between the tie out line and the stake.
- 12. Heavy padded agitation collar and leash, metal choke collars
- 13. 2 blinds or other suitable hiding places for the helper (attack out of the blind) and for the handler (to be out of sight of his dog during the tie out)
- 14. Ground markings clearly visible to handler, judge and helper (can of spray paint)
- 15. A copy of the UDC Breed Manual

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### **IX. HEALTH TESTING REQUIREMENTS (All Categories)**

- A. Since many of the health testing requirements are at this time “test and tell,” all health testing results and the date of the tests should be published in any advertising where the Breed Survey designation is used. It is recommended that dogs awarded a Breed Survey designation keep their health testing current and use the results of the current tests in any advertising. All health tests will be considered valid for 18 months from the date of the test.
  - 1. OFA and VWD are one-time tests valid from the time of the test for the life of the dog.
  - 2. Dogs that have been diagnosed as hypothyroid need only provide a copy of that diagnostic panel.
  - 3. Dogs that have an eye defect need only provide that CERF report.
- B. Test and Pass:
  - 1. OFA hip certification: Certificate required.
  - 2. DV or FCI passing hip certification understood to be equivalent to OFA fair or better.
- C. Test and Tell: Copies of certificates and reports are required.
  - 1. VWD genetic test: Vet Gen, Genesearch up to and including September 2002.
  - 2. Thyroid Report: Complete panel by an OFA approved laboratory. Check the OFA web site for several approved labs. Be sure to request the “OFA” panel as many laboratories offer only a partial panel.
  - 3. CERF exam
  - 4. Echocardiogram: Must be done by a Board Certified Canine Cardiologist.
- D. An "a" grading will be given to those dogs with all health tests completed and submitted.
- E. A "b" grading will be given to those dogs with partial submission of health tests to include thyroid, vwd DNA, and hips. This will be upgraded to an "a" rating when all health testing has been completed and submitted.
- F. It is fully expected that as genetic health tests become available in the future these tests will be added to both the Test and Tell and the Test and Pass requirements. Newly discovered health problems and tests may be added in the future.
- G. Genetic faults deliberately concealed, or falsified health tests will result in the loss of the Breed Survey designation.

### **X. BREED SURVEY PROCEDURES**

- A. Differences in the categories are noted under the headings BSB and BSA in the text of the evaluations.
- B. Prior to the start of the evaluation the judge will explain to the competitors the meaning and purpose of the evaluation, and the procedures involved. The dog and handler report to the judge. In a conversation with the handler, the judge informs



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himself about the dog's training, care and developmental history. He makes note of the dog's general behavior at this time.

- C. The dog enters the evaluation area. The Breed Survey Chair checks the dog's identification, and confirms the authenticity of the pedigree.
- D. The judge checks the teeth and testicles. The dog is measured. The behavior of the dog during the examination of the mouth is to be especially noted, since it may serve as an indication of certain temperament problems.
- E. BSB & BSA. The dog is evaluated according to the UDC Standard. (A copy is found in the UDC Breed Manual.) *The UDC standard allows no more than 2 missing teeth.* Natural ears and undocked tails will not be penalized.
- F. The dog is positioned for the conformation critique, after which the dog is gaited at the judge's direction. Special attention should be paid to faults that would affect the dog's working abilities, such as (but not limited to) weak muzzle, long weak backs, straight fronts etc.
- G. The judge fills out the critique form and the dog is given a conformation rating at this time. Minimum rating for Dogs and Bitches shall be Good. Dogs who do not receive the minimum conformation rating will be excused from further evaluation at this time.

### XI. TEMPERAMENT EVALUATION (ALL CATEGORIES)

- A. No formal obedience commands should be used, however handlers may talk to and encourage their dogs throughout the Temperament Evaluations.
- B. Group
  - 1. Immediately following the conformation evaluation the judge will instruct the handler to take his dog out into the evaluation area on a loose lead, where he will encounter a group of 4 to 6 people walking toward him.
  - 2. The dog and handler will proceed through the group during which an umbrella will be opened toward the dog and then raised over the person's head in a natural manner. Another person in the group will have a satchel filled with noisy objects that will shake and make a fair amount of noise.
  - 3. After proceeding 10 to 15 paces further the handler and dog will turn and return towards the group. The group will proceed in a loose manner toward the dog and handler and form a circle around them. The dog and handler will stop in the middle of the circle. During the stop in the group it is important that the group act as naturally as possible, talking, shaking hands, dropping things, opening the umbrella etc. It is important to show NO threat towards the dog. This exercise is used to evaluate the dog's self-confidence, fearlessness, temperament, obedience, and threshold of stimulation. The judge will continue this exercise as long as needed to assess the dog.
- C. Gunshots
  - 1. The dog and handler will proceed immediately down the field and two gunshots are fired from a distance of about 15 paces.

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2. Gun sensitivity is to be distinguished from gun-shyness. If the dog does display shyness the judge will press the dog with as many additional gunshots as needed to determine the dog's soundness. If the dog is determined to be gun-shy, the dog shall be dismissed at this point.

### **D. Jogger**

1. The dog and handler will proceed another 15 paces and a jogger will run diagonally across the path of the handler and dog.

### **E. Tie Out**

1. The handler and the dog proceed immediately to the tie out location, which is to be freely accessible on all sides.
2. The dog is fastened to a 20 ft. anchored line, and the handler leaves the dog without using any obedience commands such as platz or down.
3. The handler goes out of sight, approximately 50 paces away.
4. After about 5 minutes, the judge approaches the dog in a neutral manner. He will walk past the dog at about 8 steps distance. He will re-approach the dog to within 2 to 3 steps distance. If the dog seems friendly, he may pet the dog. If the dog seems nervous he may crowd the dog a little. He may drop a clipboard or book near the dog.
5. Particular attention to the behavior of the dog in the absence of his handler is noted. A dog may also choose to protect his place and this is also permissible. A dog should not back off or shy away from the judge. If the dog does display shyness the judge will press the dog to determine the dog's soundness.
6. If the dog shows shyness, the dog will be dismissed at this time.
7. The judge will tell the handler to pick up his dog.

## **XII. PROTECTION INSTINCTS EVALUATION**

- A. BSB. The dog will wear a strong leather agitation collar, with a strong 6-foot line attached.

### **1. ATTACK ON HANDLER**

- a) No actual bite work is required for BSB.
- b) On direction from the judge, the handler will walk with his dog towards the hiding place.
- c) When the dog is about 15 feet away, the judge orders the helper to attack the dog/handler team from the front. The threat is directed toward the handler.
- d) The dog will attempt to thwart the attack by going out to the end of the line and aggressively trying to drive off the attacker. The helper will make verbal and physical threats. The handler may verbally encourage his dog.
- e) The judge orders the helper to stop his attack. The dog should "OUT" on command, defined as coming back to a neutral position, (some help from the handler is permitted).

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f) End of BSB evaluation.

### **B. BSA**

#### **2. ATTACK OUT OF THE BLIND**

- a) The judge will direct the handler to walk his dog on leash, towards the hiding place. The helper waits quietly out of sight. The helper must be able to see the judge or hear his directions.
- b) When the dog and handler reach a point approximately 12 feet before the hiding place (this point will be marked), the judge will direct the helper to come out of the hiding place and attack the handler and dog from the front. No intimidating sounds are made at this point.
- c) The handler must immediately release the dog. The handler remains at the release spot until directed otherwise by the judge.
- d) The dog should go immediately to the helper and grip the sleeve and continue to grip the sleeve while being driven. To pass the dog must show his protective instincts and protect his handler by committing to a firm, calm bite.
- e) After the helper catches the dog on the sleeve, the helper drives the dog. While driving the dog the helper will make vocal threats and physical threats with the stick. The dog will receive two stick hits. The dog shall not be penalized for biting the helper in locations other than the arm.
- f) If the dog does not grip the sleeve on the first attempt or if the dog should come off the sleeve during the drive due to vocal or physical threats, the helper must continue to press the dog until directed by the judge to stop. If the dog fails to re-grip, the judge stops the evaluation at this point.
- g) If the dog reengages in the combat, the evaluation continues. The helper continues to drive the dog until directed by the judge to stop.
- h) The helper stops the attack at the direction of the judge.
- i) The handler commands the dog to “OUT” at the direction of the judge. The dog must out on command, without being touched by the handler. An automatic out is allowed. The handler may give three separate commands to the dog for the out. The first two of these commands should be from a distance; the third command may be up close. After the out, the dog should stay with the helper until the judge tells the handler to pick up his dog. If the dog does not out, the dog is given the prey (the sleeve) only after the handler has picked up the leash. The helper releases the sleeve on the direction of the judge. The dog must release the sleeve.
- j) Then the handler and dog proceed to the blind, and wait until the helper has hidden in the designated hiding spot. The judge directs the handler to the starting point for the Courage Test.
- k) The helper proceeds to the designated hiding place approximately 50 paces down the field.

#### **3. Courage Test**

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- a) Dog and handler wait at the starting point. The dog is off leash, and the handler holds the dog firmly by the collar.
- b) At the instruction of the judge, the handler calls the helper out of the hiding place.
- c) The helper comes out of the hiding place.
- d) The helper runs towards the handler and dog.
- e) The Judge directs the handler to release the dog.
- f) The helper catches the dog. He drives the dog 5-10 paces and threatens verbally and physically but there are no stick hits. The dog engages in combat by gripping the sleeve. It must hold on while being driven 5 to 10 paces. The handler may at his discretion encourage the dog verbally.
- g) If the dog does not grip the sleeve on the first attempt, or if the dog should come off during the drive or due to vocal or physical threats, the helper must continue to drive the dog until directed by the judge to stop. If the dog fails to re-grip, the judge will stop the evaluation at this point. If the dog reengages in the combat, the evaluation continues. The helper stops the attack at the direction of the judge.
- h) Upon order from the judge, the handler shall out his dog and place him back on leash.
- i) If there is no out, procedures are the same as under the attack out of the blind.
- j) There is no formal disarm or transport.
- k) This is the end of the BSA evaluation.

### **C. OUT**

- 1. The dog need “Out” only once during the evaluation to pass.
- 2. If there is no “Out” on the Attack Out of the Blind and if there is no “Out” on the Courage Test, a dog who is otherwise suitable for breeding will be rated “Held Back.”

## **XIII. RATINGS AND CLASSIFICATIONS**

### **A. Conformation Ratings**

- 1. There are five possible conformation ratings:
  - a) E - Excellent
  - b) VG - Very Good
  - c) G - Good
  - d) S - Satisfactory
  - e) I - Insufficient
- 2. Determination and Announcement of BST Ratings

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- a) If the Breed Survey is held the day before a conformation show with the same judge, and the same dog is entered in both events, the Breed Survey conformation rating will be announced on the day of the conformation show.

### **B. Character Classification**

#### **3. There are five possible character classifications:**

- a) (1) (One). Dogs who are overall excellent. A (1) can only be awarded to a dog who gives a completely sure and correct impression in the static as well as the fighting portions of the evaluation. (1) can only be awarded to BSA dogs.
- b) (2) (Two). Dogs who are overall rated good. A (2) can only be awarded to a dog who gives a good impression in the static as well as the fighting portions of the evaluation. (2) is the highest possible rating for BSB dogs.
- c) (3) (Three). Dogs who are overall sufficient. A (3) will be awarded to a dog who performs acceptably in the static as well as the fighting portions of the evaluation and shows some protective and fighting drives. A (3) is also awarded to BSB dogs who give a good impression in the static as well as fighting portions of the evaluation.
- d) Held Back. Dogs must be Held Back if there is sufficient doubt about the dog's behavior as it relates to soundness of temperament and suitability for the breed or fails to demonstrate at least 1 out. A dog rated Held Back cannot be shown to another Breed Survey judge until the expiration of a three month waiting period. A dog can only be rated Held Back one time. Dogs who do not pass the Breed Survey the second time they are judged cannot be entered again.
- e) Fail. A dog that does not meet the minimum conformation grading or does not pass the Breed Survey on the second attempt, and generally does not exhibit breed worthiness shall Fail the Breed Survey and may not attempt it at a later date.

### **C. Health Ratings**

1. (a). An (a) rating will be issued to dogs who have submitted all the health testing prior to taking the Breed Survey.
2. (b). A (b) rating will be issued to dogs that are missing a health test (Cardio Echo or CERF) at the time of taking the Breed Survey. The dogs health rating will automatically be upgraded as soon as the missing tests are submitted.

### **D. Breed Survey Designation**

1. The Breed Survey designation will include the category of the test (BSB or BSA), followed by the conformation rating, then the character rating, then the status of the health testing. Example: BSA VG1b or BSB E2a

## **XIV. THESE RULES ADOPTED BY THE UDC BOARD OF DIRECTORS 11/14/2007. THEY ARE EFFECTIVE 02/12/2008.**