

As stated in the GPCA Constitution/Bylaws, this committee shall always be subject to the final authority of the GPCA Board of Directors. The Board can appoint new members to the committee, appoint the chairman, and will approve members wishing to join this committee.

GPCA Unique Title Program Guidelines

Objective: To recognize German Pinschers who obtain a title in a sport consistent with their original function that is not offered by AKC. Title information will be included on designated pages on the GPCA website.

Background:

Many AKC dog sports are breed specific and tailored for the original function of the breed. As an all-around farm dog, the GP heritage includes ratting, carting, herding, etc, all of which have associated titles, but not for German Pinschers.

As we move forward promoting our breed and it's placement in the Working Dog Group, we are often asked "so what did they do?" As the parent club for the German Pinschers, we should officially recognize dogs that fulfill the original intent of the breed. To that end, the GPCA has established this Unique Title Program. Excluded from this program are titles that are similar to those available via AKC: Canadian or UKC obedience & rally titles, NADAC, USDAA, CPE agility titles are examples of titles that are similar, even if not exactly the same, as titles provided by AKC.

Criteria:

1. Sport/title must be unique, relevant to the German Pinscher, and not offered or recognized by the AKC.

Exclusions:

1. Dog sports involving "bite" work or aggression towards humans will not be considered for this program.

Procedure:

As a new relevant titling sport is introduced, a member in good standing may contact the Performance Events committee with a request to include a sport in the Unique Title program. The request shall be accompanied by a brief statement of how the sport applies to the historic purpose of the breed and the unavailability of the sport for German Pinschers via AKC.

The Performance Events committee will review the request's merits and also investigate how the titles for the sport's organization can be verified and document the procedure. The committee will then submit the request to the GPCA Board of Directors along with the committee's recommendation.

The Board will review and vote to approve, deny, or request more information from the Performance Events committee. The Board will notify the Performance Events committee of their decision, the committee will notify the requestor of the outcome.

Requests to add a dog to the club website for a Board approved Unique Title shall be submitted to the Performance Events committee for title verification. Once verified, the Performance Events committee will submit approval to the GPCA Webmaster for inclusion on the designated website title page.

Titles can be retroactively awarded upon consent of the board, but not prior to the formation of GPCA. It is the member's responsibility to request sport recognition, the board will simply approve or deny the

request. It is not the club's role to independently seek out and process new activities (though individual board members may propose inclusion).

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By the authority of the GPCA Constitution/Bylaws, any committee member who does not follow these guidelines may be terminated by a majority vote of the full membership of the Board upon written notice to the appointee; and the Board may appoint a successor for the person whose service has been terminated.

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