

German Pinscher Club of  
America STANDING RULES  
September 2006-2017

Standing Rules approved by the GPCA Board of Directors

1. A picture of the dog/bitch who wins the National Specialty will appear free of charge on the cover of the Pinscher Press (once yearly).
2. The AKC Gazette Awards magazine goes to the awards librarian. (Currently, Debbie Kaminski).
3. The Sunshine Committee, when notified, will send cards in cases of serious illness or passing of club members or close family. (Currently, Louise Schmidt). The Board may add to or amend procedures.
4. ~~The GPCA will place an advertisement yearly in the Eukanuba Invitational Show catalog.~~ (Abolished 10-13-2015)
5. The GPCA will honor members who pass away during the year by dedicating the next National to them. If time does not permit for the current year, then the next year's National will be dedicated to them.
6. Monthly, the Board reviews new member applications as specified in the Constitution and By Laws. The Board reviews each application and votes to approve publication in the Pinscher Press. The standing rule dictates that the membership is allowed the opportunity to write to the Board any possible complaints or misgivings they might have with the applicant becoming a member. The Pinscher Press presents the notification of these applicants. Members have 30 days to comment. If the Board has denied membership to any applicant, the Pinscher Press will publish such notification to the general membership. (Abolished August 10, 2015)
7. The GPCA will honor (with a small gift) at the Annual National Specialty any who have contributed his/her time, energy, commitment, and resources to the club. Any club member in good standing may nominate a person stating why this person is deserving of the award. The Board will make the final decision. Any current Board Member is exempt from receiving this award. The Board also has the right not to award this gift in any given year.
8. The GPCA will have an awards program. GPCA will distribute awards at each Annual National. Refer to the GPCA website for details and requirements.
9. Any member in good standing who wishes to conduct a GPCA supported entry in conjunction with an AKC licensed/member club must contact the Supported Entry Coordinator for approval.
10. In order for a member in good standing to become a GPCA-APPROVED Seminar Presenter, the Board must approve said person.
11. The money raised by the Ways and Means Committee will replenish itself until the committee can financially benefit GPCA.
12. The yearly dues notices will also request funds for Rescue and Trophy donations. The Breeder Referral renewal forms will also accompany the membership renewal notices.
13. As stated in the by-laws, all officers and board members will have the ability to use electronic mail to communicate and perform board business. Additionally, they will have the ability to vote in a designated voting booth online as requested by AKC. This will be the agreed upon method of doing ongoing board business. The secretary must present this requirement/information to the Nominating Committee Chair at the time of his/her selection who will then notify each nominee to include the following in his/her resume. "I, <insert name>, accept the

nomination and agree to the electronic mailing stipulation as approved by the Board and stated in Standing Rules. This requirement will pertain to all persons being nominated for office in the GPCA.

**The Board requires any prospective GPCA Officer/Board Member (by the nominating committee or by the five signature membership nominating process) MUST agree in writing to the electronic mailing process. This requirement applies to all potential officers and becomes a Board policy and a Standing Rule. This requirement is also a part of the secretary's job description. Before each election, the secretary must present this requirement/information to the Nominating Committee Chair at the time of his/her selection. The electronic emailing statement is also required in the resume of each candidate nominated by the Nominating Committee and any candidates nominated by the membership prior to publication in the *Pinscher Press*.**

**These Officers and or Board Members must also make every effort to check their email at least once a week to be aware of all issues. They must vote in the on-line voting booth within seven (7) days of any Board motion. The potential Officer/Board Member must state in his/her resume. "I, <insert name>, accept the nomination and agree to the electronic mailing stipulation as approved by the Board and stated in Standing Rules.** 14 .When posting a question in the Polling Booth, always Display voter identity with each vote. That way, those who have not voted can be notified that 7 days have passed.

15. Members having obtained the floor while a debatable motion is immediately pending, can speak no longer than two (2) minutes unless he/she obtains consent of the assembly. Members may speak twice to each debatable motion. The maker of a motion shall be permitted to speak first.

16. Voting on motions shall be by voting card. A voting card shall be distributed to each voting member upon registration.

17. Added 2-2008 Authority to approve written contracts with an individual or a company for services rendered to the GPCA. No verbal contracts will be valid. Committee chairs may present draft proposals for services to be performed by individuals or companies for said committee(s) however, the final signing of contracts will rest with the board. This would preclude a committee that raises funds for furthering the work of the committee such as Rescue and the Health Committee. Furthermore all materials or services covered by such a written contract with GPCA would be subject to review by the Board to ascertain if all services/ materials meet board approval.

Once the final payment is made to the provider for completed materials, such materials/artwork etc, will therefore become the property of the GPCA. All due credits and recognition will be given to the provider for the creation and completion of contracted work. GPCA will the right to use the materials in any manner deem appropriate by the board.

18. Added 5-31-09

The following is to become a standing rule: Annual Eukanuba Invitational Medallions: The GPCA shall sponsor the Conformation and Performance Medallions for every annual AKC/Eukanuba Invitational show

19. Sept12,2011

### **GPCA Website Domain Ownership and Account Maintenance**

The GPCA website domain [www.german-pinscher.com](http://www.german-pinscher.com) is registered with Network

Solutions, LLC ([www.networksolutions.com](http://www.networksolutions.com)).

Account Number: 33127768

Account Holder: German Pinscher Club of America

The primary account is listed as German Pinscher Club of America and the primary account holder address and email address shall be held by the GPCA President.

There will be two account administrators on the account that will have full account authority. The two account administrators will be the GPCA Corresponding Secretary and the GPCA Treasurer.

The GPCA Treasurer has the responsibility of paying for the domain renewal and will be able to do so directly with the account administrator authority.

The GPCA Corresponding Secretary has the responsibility of maintaining the account when GPCA positions (President, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary) change. Each account administrator (President, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary) will have their own user id and password. If passed this will become a standing rule.

20. 6-2-13

GPCA website e-mail addresses for all GPCA officers and committee chairs to be used on websites, literature and given to AKC and other clubs etc.

These e-mail will be forwarded to a selected e-mail of the officer or committee chair and the forward will change as there in turnover in that position.

The Club shall not establish any secondary forwarding of emails sent or received from these assigned Club email addresses. The club will not store incoming emails on the club server. If passed this will become a standing rule.

21. 4-4-2014

Add to the Standing Rules a directive that no judge of an Independent GPCA Nationals shall judge a German Pinscher confirmation competition in the six months prior to the GPCA Nationals. In situations where the GPCA Nationals is held in conjunction with an all-breed club, it will be requested that the judge of the German Pinschers abstain from judging the breed for the six months prior to the Nationals.

Rev 2014

## **22. Delegate Reimbursement**

Added 6-20-2015

The GPCA establish a new standing rule for reimbursing the AKC Delegate for an aggregate amount of up to \$

1,000.00 per calendar year for allowable expenses related to attending AKC Delegate meetings, provided the delegate submits proof of the expenditure.

Allowable expenses are defined as and limited to:

- Airfare, reimbursed at coach class fare rates
- Train fare, reimbursed at coach class fare rates
- Mileage for the use of a personal vehicle, reimbursed at the Federal reimbursement rate for the then current time period
- Local transportation costs in the meeting city, and to and from airports or other public transportation facilities, including the cost of parking
- Lodging and meal expenses, reimbursed at actual amounts up to the daily per diem Federal rates

for then current time period and respective location, as posted at <http://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/104877>

Reimbursements would be made throughout the year when the Delegate submits

proof of expenditure for allowable expenses for the meeting to the GPCA Treasurer. Reimbursements shall begin effective 1/1/15. This is a General Fund operating expense. This program will continue until modified by a vote of the Board.

23. Added 8-13-2015

**Outside club Donations:**

Make the following wording a standing rule, and added to the appropriate guidelines: When a Contribution/donation/ or request for advertisement is received from a dog club, the GPCA can only accept them from an AKC approved club.

Added 10-11-2015

Make a standing rule that Professional Handlers may only exhibit dogs in any Sweepstake class that they own or co-own, at the National Specialty and GPCA Supported entries for that same weekend.

24. Added 5/12/2016

**GPCA RESCUE AND HEALTH COMMITTEE FUNDING POLICY/STANDING RULE**

Donations received by the GPCA specifically designated for either the Rescue Committee or the Health Committee, along with any funds raised directly by each of those Committees, shall be used exclusively for their respective purposes.

-Any money donated to or raised by each committee will be shown in separate accounting funds.

-The Rescue and Health Committees may each vote to authorize expenditures up to \$1000.00 without board approval.

-Appropriate receipts shall be furnished by the Chair of each Committee to the Treasurer with the request for payment for the expenditure.

Rev 5/12/2016

25. Added January 5, 2017

**The GPCA will establish a standing rule to ensure a minimum level of ribbon support for the National Specialty and the associated Supported Entry shows the same weekend. The Show Committees will continue to be responsible for fundraising for all trophies and ribbons awarded at the shows. In the event of funding shortfalls, the Club will use general funds to support the Show Committee's ribbons following these parameters. (see standards below) If the Show Committee needs to rely on the Club for support, these ribbons sizes must be followed and the Club will make up the difference between the actual costs and the funds raised by the Committee. If the Committee wants to award ribbons grander than these minimums, the Committee must raise all of the funds for those trophies and ribbons.**

**NATIONALS SPECIALTY ROSETTE SUGGESTED STANDARDS**

**AWARD**

6.0" ROSETTE, 20" LONG, 5 STREAMER

Best of Breed

6.0" ROSETTE, 20" LONG, 3 STREAMER

Best of Opposite Sex

6.0" ROSETTE, 20" LONG, 3 STREAMER

Best of Winners

6.0" ROSETTE, 20" LONG, 3 STREAMER

Winners Dog/Winners Bitch

4.0" ROSETTE, 15" LONG, 3 STREAMER

Reserve WD/Reserve WB

4.0" ROSETTE, 15" LONG, 3 STREAMER

Select Dog/Select Bitch, AOMs

4.0" ROSETTE, 11" LONG, 3 STREAMER  
Best of Breed - Bred By Exhibitor  
4" ROSETTE, 11" LONG, 1 STREAMER  
First in any Class  
5.0" ROSETTE, 16" LONG, 3 STREAMER  
Best Puppy In Sweepstakes  
5.0" ROSETTE, 16" LONG, 3 STREAMER  
Best Veteran In Sweepstakes  
4.0" ROSETTE, 11" LONG, 3 STREAMER  
Best of Op Sex to Best puppy in Sweeps  
4.0" ROSETTE, 11" LONG, 3 STREAMER  
Best of Op Sex to Best Veteran in Sweeps

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NATIONALS WEEKEND SUPPORTED ENTRY/DESIGNATED/REGIONAL  
SUGGESTED ROSETTE STANDARDS

5.0" ROSETTE, 16" LONG, 3 STREAMER  
Best of Breed  
4.0" ROSETTE, 11" LONG, 3 STREAMER  
Best of Opposite Sex  
4.0" ROSETTE, 11" LONG, 3 STREAMER  
Best of Winners  
4.0" ROSETTE, 8" LONG, 3 STREAMER  
Select Dog/Select Bitch, AOMs  
4.0" ROSETTE, 8" LONG, 3 STREAMER  
Winners Dog/Winners Bitch  
4.0" ROSETTE, 8" LONG, 1 STREAMER  
Reserve WD/Reserve WB  
4.0" ROSETTE, 8" LONG, 3 STREAMER  
Best Puppy In Sweepstakes  
4.0" ROSETTE, 8" LONG, 3 STREAMER  
Best Veteran In Sweepstakes  
4" ROSETTE, 8" LONG, 1 STREAMER  
Best of Op Sex to Best puppy in Sweeps  
4" ROSETTE, 8" LONG, 1 STREAMER  
Best of Op Sex to Best Veteran in Sweeps

26. Added March 29, 2017

The GPCA Awards of Merit at all specialties according the following language which should be printed in the premium list and show catalog as follows: **"Awards of Merit are to be offered at a number equivalent to 10% of the Best of Breed entry. Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, Select Dog and Select Bitch are ineligible to receive an AOM, all other dogs in the Best of Breed competition are eligible.**