

Established DKV Title Designations

D - Derby ("The Spring Test")

A natural ability test held in the Spring of the year. Possible designation are D1 (Prize 1), D2 (Prize 2) or D3 (Prize 3).

(J) - "Youth"

Dogs that successfully complete the Derby in their year of birth receive the designation of (J) for "youth". If the youth designation is applicable it will appear after the D (Derby) designation, i.e. D1 (J)

(*) - Andreas star

Dogs that show excellent work, tracking an unseen rabbit or hare during a given test, intentionally or by chance, are given the Andreas star designation.

S - Solms ("The Fall Test")

Subsequent to successfully completing the Derby a dog, along with other requirements a dog must pass the Solms. The Solms is a breed test held in the fall months of the year. Similar to the Derby the dog will be awarded an "S" designation followed by a 1, 2, or 3 based on its performance.

AZP - Alters-zucht-pruefung

The AZP is a breed test for older dogs that, due to circumstance, were unable participate in a Solms test or an HZP. The AZP rules are the same as the Solms but the dog is held to a higher standard since it is presumed to be more experienced.

IKP - International Kurzhaar-Pruefung

The DKV conducts an annual International Field and Water test for the purpose of giving the domestic and foreign friends of the Deutsch Kurzhaar the opportunity to see for themselves the results of the breeding standards and performance based breeding system of the DKV.

The IKP is held on an alternating annual schedule with the Kleeman Trial i.e., every other year. The requirements of the test are similar to that of a Solms or AZP and prize designation are indicated by IKP followed by a 1, 2, or 3.

KS - Kurzhaar Sieger

The "Kurzhaar Sieger" is the title presented to dogs that achieve a Prize 1 in the Kleeman Trial. The Kleeman trial is held on an alternating annual schedule with the IKP, i.e. every other year.

Established JGHV (Jagdgebrauchshundverband) Title Designations

The JGHV is the umbrella organization in Germany for all of the hunting dog clubs. It provides the test regulations, authorizes the judges, and maintains the test records for member breed clubs.

VJP - Verbands-jugend-pruefung

The VJP is a youth test similar to the Derby. Dogs are awarded points based on their performance, e.g. VGP 72

HZP - Verband-sherbstzucht-pruefung

The HZP is the JGHV Fall breed test. It is the equivalent of the Solms test. As with the VJP dogs are scored and awarded points, e.g. HZP 192

VGP - Verbands-gebrauches-pruefung

The Verbands-Gebrauchs-Prüfung (VGP) is the JGHV Utility test. This two-day test is a comprehensive evaluation of the performance and capabilities of a fully trained versatile hunting dog. Rubrics include work in the field, water and woods. In addition obedience and cooperation are of utmost importance. Blood tracking is also an important part of this test. A score along with a prize designation of 1,2 or 3 are awarded to dogs that successfully complete a VGP.

Btr. - Bringtreue-pruefung

The Btr. is the retrieving reliability test. The Btr is a pass or fail test. The dog is commanded to search for either a dead fox or dead raccoon and retrieve to hand.

Vbr. - Verlorenbringen

To be awarded the designation of Vbr. a dog must follow the warn trail a hare over a distance of 300 yards and retrieve to hand.

AH - Ambruster Halt Award

The AH designation is awarded to dogs that exhibit obedience in the presence of live game.

SW - Verbands-Schweiss-pruefung

The Specialty Blood Tracking is awarded to dog that successfully follow to termination a blood track that is either 20 or 40 hours old. If a 20 hour old track is successfully followed to termination a designation of "SW" is given. The designation awarded for the successful completion of a 40 hour old blood track is an "SW" followed by a "/".

Sch. H - Schutzhund

The Sch.H designation is give to protection/police dogs. The test measures the dogs ability to sent, track and detect the presence of criminals. The Sch.H designation is followed by a Prize 1, 2, or 3 based on the dog's performance.