

Regulations for the award of the title: "German Champion (VDH)" – Dt. Ch. (VDH) (valid from 01.09.2004) – changes made following a decision by the board of management on 3. August 2004 and 18. February 2006

Award of challenge certificates:

Only possible in the following classes: open, intermediate, champion and working – separated according to male and female dogs – minimum age 15 months - the award is at the discretion of the breed judge. A reserve challenge certificate can be awarded to the second-best male dog/female dog in a class. The reserve challenge certificate can be changed into a full challenge certificate if the dog awarded the full challenge certificate already holds the title of "German Champion (VDH)" on the day of the breed show. There is no right to legal claim to a challenge certificate respectively the award of a title.

Title:

The title "German Champion (VDH)" is awarded to pure-bred dogs, which have been nominated for five challenge certificates for the title of "German Champion (VDH)": at least three of these challenge certificates have to be achieved at International or National breed shows. Furthermore the five challenge certificates must have been awarded by at least three different breed judges. The challenge certificates of the VDH Bundessieger Dog Show and at the VDH Europasiieger Dog Show (as well as uniquely at the VDH World Dog Show 2006) count double. In addition reserve challenge certificates gained there will be rated as individual normal challenge certificates, even when these have not been changed into a normal challenge certificate - if the dog that awarded the normal challenge certificate already holds the title of "German Champion (VDH)" on the day of the breed show. There has to be a minimum period of 12 months between the first and last challenge certificate. The title "German Champion (VDH)" can only be awarded to a dog on one occasion. The title "German Champion (VDH)" entitles the dog to start in the champions class at all breed shows at home and abroad.

Transitional regulation:

For all dogs that achieved at least one challenge certificate before 1st September 2004 the previous conditions are valid (four challenge certificates, at least two of the challenge certificates at International or National breed shows). **In this case, the challenge certificates that were achieved on VDH-Bundessieger-Zuchtschau or VDH-Europasiieger-Zuchtschau before 1st September 2004 would possibly count single and the reserve challenge certificate not at all.**

Award of the title "German Champion (VDH)":

The person entitled to make the application is the owner of the dog. If the dog changes the ownership during the period awarding the challenge certificates, the challenge certificates obtained will remain with the dog and pass over to the new owner.

The following documents have to be send to the VDH office in order to award the title

- **Five original challenge certificates** or, from 01.01.2005, a copy of the standard judge's report with the annotation of the challenge certificate award at International or National breed shows (for conditions see title!)

- A copy of the pedigree or registration certificate
- Fee: 35.00 Euro
- Owner's details with current address (to be entered on the title certificate)

A certificate will be issued with regard to the title: a copy of the certificate must always be included in the registration form for future registrations of the dog in the champions class!

Fees:

Confirmation of the title with certificate: 35.00 Euro

Verification/confirmation of a reserve candidature 10.00 Euro

The above regulations for the award of a title were laid down by the **VDH board of management (valid from 1. March 2006)**.