



**Brazos Valley Working Dog Club**  
**P.O. Box 27**  
**Somerville, Texas 77879**  
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**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

<i>Type of Membership:</i> Full      Family      Associate      Junior			
<i>Name(s):</i> _____			
<i>Address:</i> _____			
<i>City:</i> _____		<i>State:</i> _____	<i>Zip:</i> _____
<i>Phone: (home)</i> _____		<i>(work)</i> _____	<i>(email)</i> _____
<i>Amount of Dues Paid:</i> _____		<i>Date:</i> _____	<i>Cash/Ck. #</i> _____
<i>Dog in Training:</i> _____	<i>Registration No &amp; Affiliation:</i> _____	<i>Tattoo No:</i> _____	<i>DOB</i> _____
<i>Dog in Training:</i> _____	<i>Registration No. &amp; Affiliation:</i> _____	<i>Tattoo No:</i> _____	<i>DOB</i> _____
<i>Veterinarian's Name:</i> _____		<i>Veterinarian's Phone:</i> _____	
<i>Did you do a hip x-ray?</i> YES    NO		<i>Rating:</i> _____	
<b><i>Vaccination Record:</i></b> <i>Bordetella (Kennel Cough)</i> _____		<b><i>Vaccination Record:</i></b> <i>Parvo</i> _____	
<i>DHLP-P</i> _____		<i>Rabies</i> _____	
<i>Is your dog on Heartworm Preventive?</i> YES      NO		<i>Do you use Frontline or Advantage? ?</i> YES      NO, Which?	
<p>IN LIEU OF ACCEPTANCE OF THIS APPLICATION, I HEREBY AGREE TO WAIVE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS AGAINST THE BRAZOS VALLEY WORKING DOG CLUB, ITS OFFICERS, TRAINERS, PROPERTY OWNERS AND MEMBERS FOR POSSIBLE LOSS AND DAMAGE WHICH MAY OCCUR TO ANY PERSON OR THING AS A RESULT OF TAKING PART IN CLUB ACTIVITIES. FURTHERMORE, IT IS UNDERSTOOD BY EVERY MEMBER/HANDLER, AND THE UNDERSIGNED, THAT ALL MEMBERS/HANDLERS ARE FULLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACTIONS OF HIS/HER DOG(S) AT ALL TIMES, AS WELL AS THEMSELVES.</p> <p><b>I AGREE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE "SPECIAL RISKS" INSURANCE OFFERED.</b></p> <p>I HEREBY AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL POLICIES AND REGULATIONS OF THE BRAZOS VALLEY WORKING DOG CLUB AS SET FORTH IN THE BVWDC CONSTITUTION &amp; BY-LAWS, AND CODE OF ETHICS, AND I ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECEIPT THEREOF.</p>			
_____ <i>Signature of Owner/Handler Applying for Membership</i>		_____ <i>Signature of Owner/Handler Applying for Membership</i>	
_____ <i>Date</i>		_____ <i>Date</i>	
<i>Membership:</i> ___ <i>Approved to Associate Member</i> ___ <i>Approved to Full Member</i> ___ <i>Rejected</i> ___ <i>Status Change</i>			
_____ <i>Date:</i>		_____ <i>Signature of Club President (or authorized officer)</i>	

# Code of Ethics

## Brazos Valley Working Dog Club Statements Of Purpose, Principles And Ethics

As a member of the *Brazos Valley Working Dog Club (BVWDC)*, I pledge to maintain the following standards and practices.

### What is the purpose of Brazos Valley Working Dog Club?

*BVWDC* serves the needs of the our community by providing training in the German dog sport of Schutzhund in an atmosphere of quality training, teamwork in meeting our training goals as individuals, and working together to promote a positive image of ourselves, our sport and the German Shepherd Dog.

### What principles and ethics guide our behavior?

1. We maintain the highest standards of honesty, integrity and ethics in all aspects of our club with club members, trainers, and society in general, and comply with the laws of our country and community.
2. We treat one another with dignity, as individuals.
3. We work together in the spirit of teamwork for the promotion and improvement of our training skills.
4. We believe in respect for people, respect for differences in skills, backgrounds and needs. Through this diversity and equal opportunity in our training club ... we will be successful.
5. We believe people are the key to a successful club, and through teamwork, we can create a comfortable and innovative training environment where people can excel and learn.
6. We expect all club members to set individual goals and strive to meet those goals.
7. We believe that we must continually learn new things in order to establish ongoing education in training, as well as staying abreast of the current developments in the GSD, or other dog breeds in which we train.
7. We support an environment of open and direct communication, where voicing, listening to and considering different points of view are encouraged. Club members are expected to **ALWAYS** show good sportsmanship, and possess the ability to listen to suggestions and constructive criticism in a civil manner.
8. We expect teamwork at and between all levels of training, between members, trainers, instructors, and clubs because the combination of our diverse talents helps us better serve our club and reach our personal goal potential.
9. We respect senior service and depend on our long-service members to act as role models and mentors.
10. We encourage a sense of personal ownership so that every club member involved can identify with the success of every dog and member in the club. When an occasional failure does occur, however, we accept responsibility and learn from that experience.
11. We believe in respecting and protecting the environment, and agree to clean up after our dogs and ourselves.
12. As a club, and individuals, we are committed to and involved in the well-being of the communities where we operate. We strive to be a source of pride for the *BVWDC*, their families and others in the community.
13. As a training club, we encourage behaviors conducive to training in a timely fashion in order to utilize that the prescribed training hours will be kept to a minimum. Everyone wants to obtain his or her training goals in a reasonable amount of time.
14. We agree to keep the consumption of alcoholic beverages to a minimum during training sessions and club functions in order to insure safe working conditions for others and ourselves.
15. To maintain the best possible standards of health and care of our dogs.
16. To represent the sport of Schutzhund, the GSDCA – WDA and the *BVWDC* in a positive manner at all times; conducting myself with good sportsmanship at all events.
17. As members, help support our club during any seminars, trials, shows and other events undertaken by the *BVWDC* to the best of my ability working together in the spirit of teamwork.
18. To use only commonly accepted humane training methods in our training.
19. To promote the understanding of the German standard of breeding practices to all club members.
20. To only recommend known ethical breeders to all persons making inquiries about puppies or adult dogs.
21. To use discretion and integrity, and refrain from direct solicitation and advertisement of my personally owned canine related business to club members and guests unless responding to specific inquiries.

*I understand that failure to comply with this code of ethics may result in my expulsion from the club and/or other disciplinary actions as determined by the executive board.*

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## RELEASE OF LIABILITY

In consideration of the acceptance of my application to become a member of *the BRAZOS VALLEY WORKING DOG CLUB*, I hereby waive, release and discharge any and all claims for damages for death, personal injury or property damage which I may have, or which may subsequently accrue to me or my property as a result of my participation in any BVWDC events, including training. ***This Release of Liability*** is intended to discharge in advance the club officers, promoters, sponsors, officials, land owners, other club members and participants, and the German Shepherd Dog Club of America – Working Dog Association and/or the United Schutzhund Clubs of America from and against any and all liability arising out of or connected in any way with my participation in any club events, even though that liability may or may not arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of the person or entities above mentioned.

I am aware that the *Brazos Valley Working Dog Club* events include training and trials of various breeds of dogs. I am familiar with such training and will participate of my own desire and on my own accord. I am aware that injury and damage can occur in such club events, including training, both to myself and any dog(s), which I may have. Knowing the risks, I hereby agree to assume those risks and to release and hold harmless all of the persons or entities mentioned above who, might otherwise be liable to me or my heirs and assigns for damages.

I further state that I am familiar with and agree to accept and abide by the *BVWDC Constitution and By-laws and the BVWDC Code of Ethics*, as well as the German Shepherd Dog Club of America – Working Dog Association rules and regulations.

**I have read and am in agreement with the terms of this Release of Liability.**

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, (year) \_\_\_\_\_.

Signature of  
Member/Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Witness #1 \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Witness #2 \_\_\_\_\_

# ***The Brazos Valley Working Dog Club*** **CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

## **ARTICLE I - NAME AND OBJECTIVES**

### **Section 1. The name of this club shall be:**

*Brazos Valley Working Dog Club*

### **Section 2. The objectives and goals of this club shall be:**

- (a) To encourage and promote Schutzhund and German style training of working breeds and to title dogs at Schutzhund trials.
- (b) To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breeds by encouraging good sportsmanlike competition at trials and shows.
- (c) To conduct trials and shows under the rules of the German Shepherd Working Dog Club of America and FCI rules.
- (d) To preserve the German Shepherd Dog in accordance with the Breed standard as a working dog, and to promote humane training methods for the working dog and to support responsible dog ownership and breeding practices.
- (e) To interest and educate the public about Schutzhund training and to promote the positive image of the German Shepherd Dog, and/or any other breed represented by our club members.

### **Section 3. Non-profit Status**

The club shall not be conducted or operated for profit and no part of any profits or remainder from dues or donations to the club shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual, but shall be utilized to further the purposes and activities of the club.

## **ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP**

### **Section 1. Membership Eligibility**

Membership shall be open to all persons who subscribe to the purpose or purposes of this club and national organization, and are in good standing with it. Membership shall not be open to anyone in the commercial guard dog business. Any person may be eligible for membership, provided he has the following obligations:

- (a) *Must have completed an application form and submitted associate membership dues. There is a 1-month provisional membership period for handlers and dogs. The Training Director and Coordinators will at these sessions evaluate the applicants dog and if the prey and/or defense drive, or temperament are not suitable for the sport of Schutzhund the applicant will be informed of this by the Training Director. In the event that the associate member does not want to pursue Schutzhund, he may continue training in obedience until his one-month trial period is up and/or he has reached his obedience goals.*
- (b) Applicant should have knowledge of basic obedience training techniques at a beginner's level.
- (c) All members and handlers must sign the club's release of liability and understand that accidents can derive from training in the sport of Schutzhund, and that any person who participates in training is responsible for their own actions and well being and the actions and well being of their dog.

### **Section 2. Membership Types**

- (a) FULL membership shall be for an individual who is active in training, and has met his/her obligations to the club one person with no more than two (2) dogs actively training for a schutzhund title. Puppies in training may be considered as third dogs and allowed as participants in puppy circle exercises.
- (b) HONORARY members are members elected for having rendered valuable service to the club by the general membership. *(No fee, not able to vote or hold office).*
- (c) FAMILY Membership is two people living at the same address, each with no more than two dogs who are active in training, and has met his/her obligations to the club.
- (d) JUNIOR Membership for ages between 12 through 17 years. All junior members must have written parental consent and be sponsored by an adult member of this club.

- (e) ASSOCIATE Membership is for an individual who has applied for full membership to the BVWDC, and is within their one (1) month trial period or who wishes to participate in the activities of the club but does not have a dog to train. *(not able to vote or hold office)*.

### **Section 3. Membership Dues and Special Levies**

- (a) FULL membership dues shall be \$120.00, FAMILY membership \$180.00, ASSOCIATE membership \$45.00, JUNIOR membership \$80.00 annually. **Annual dues are payable on or before May 1 for the following year.** Associate Member fees will apply toward Full Membership after trial period, if Full membership is obtained promptly.
- (b) Dues not paid within thirty (30) days of the due date shall be deemed to be delinquent. No voting rights or training sessions will be allowed until delinquent dues are paid.
- (c) There is an Extra Dog Fee (\$25.00 per dog) for members wishing to work more than two dogs per person (twelve months or older) at each training session. This fee will be added to the member's annual dues.
- (d) There is a Training Fee (\$10.00 per dog) for non-members who wish to have a dog or puppy evaluated and train on a non-member basis. Fee also applies for individuals participating in club activities without a dog.
- (e) Visitors are allowed one free training and evaluation session, then the non-member fee will apply on future training sessions, and the fee will be paid PRIOR to the training session.

### **Section 4. Membership Application**

Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form approved by the club, which shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by these Constitution and by-laws of this club. The application shall state the name, address, telephone number, vocation of applicant as well as any other pertinent information deemed necessary.

The applicant shall submit with the application for membership, the annual club fee from Section 3. **Plus evidence of GSDCA-WDA membership or the applicable WDA membership fee and application.** The club also encourages membership in the United Schutzhund Clubs of America, as membership in both organizations allows for participation in most Schutzhund events in our area. Members that have resigned may be reinstated by submitting an application signed by two sponsors and being voted in by a simple majority vote of the membership at the next scheduled club meeting.

New members will be accepted for a one-month trial period as associate members. At the end of the one-month trial period, the voting club members will vote for ACCEPTANCE of the new member into the club. In the event, that the new member has not attended at least every other training session, the voting club members may vote to extend the trial period for another month. The purpose of this trial period is to determine the new member's training goals as well as to determine their ability to work as a team player in the spirit of Schutzhund and in cooperation with other club members. **Without TEAMWORK in TRAINING our club cannot be strong, and our training goals as individuals, and as a club, cannot be met.** The new membership will be categorized as an associate member, and the associate member fee paid will be applied to the member's annual dues when the member is voted in.

### **Section 5. Rejection of Membership**

In the event an application for membership is rejected, the associate member dues will not be reimbursed to the individual, and will be applied to the general funds of the club. Applicants for membership, who were not accepted by the membership, may reapply after six (6) months.

### **Section 6. Termination of Membership**

- (a) **Resignation.** Any member in good standing may resign from the club upon written notice to the Secretary but no member may resign when in debt to the club.
- (b) **Lapse.** A membership will be considered lapsed and automatically terminated if such member dues remain unpaid for thirty (30) days. Lapsed memberships shall not be considered for reinstatement until the annual dues have been paid. The applicant for membership shall be eligible for an immediate vote of acceptance by the membership at the next general meeting.
- (c) **Expulsion.** A membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided in ARTICLE VI of the Constitution and by-laws.

## **ARTICLE III - THE CLUB YEAR**

The club's official year shall begin on the 1st day of May and end on the 30th day of April

## **ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS**

### **Section 1. Committee of Officers**

The function and responsibility of the Committee of Officers shall be to act as the governing body of the club. The committee shall maintain liaison with the National and International Organizations involved. The committee will establish policy and act on behalf of the club membership. The committee shall be responsible for selecting trial dates, organizing and conducting such trials. General management of the club affairs shall be entrusted to the Committee. The Committee shall consist of the club officers, and as the club membership may elect, such others members who have through meritorious and exceptional service furthered the cause of the club and the Schutzhund movement in general. The President shall be the Chairman of the Committee. The Chairman of the Committee shall preside over meetings of the club and shall carry out such other duties as may be prescribed in the Constitution and by-laws. In the event of a tie vote, the President's vote will be final.

### **Section 2. OFFICERS**

- (a) **President** - The President shall preside over the club meetings, shall serve as Chairman of the Committee of Officers, shall have the duties and powers normally appurtenant to the office of President in addition to those particularly specified in these Constitutions and by-laws. The President shall be the main contact of the club with the general public. The President shall be the Club delegate to the parent organization, the German Shepherd Dog Club of America – Working Dog Association.
- (b) **Vice President** - The vice-president shall have the duties and exercise the powers of the President in the event of the President absence. He/she shall also serve as a member of the Committee of Officers and carry out other duties as may be prescribed by these Constitution and By-laws.
- (c) **Training Director** - The Training Director shall prescribe the training schedule and training methods of the club. He/she shall fulfill all requirements to maintain a satisfactory and successful training program. He/she shall have the authority to appoint assistants to assist in training. It shall be his responsibility to appoint and encourage helpers from the club membership. He/she shall also serve as a member of the Committee of Officers and carry out other duties as may be prescribed by these Constitution and by-laws. He/she has the authority to interrupt any method he/she finds abusive to a dog.
- (d) **Treasurer** - The Treasurer shall be responsible for the safekeeping of the club moneys. He/she shall maintain such records and other documents as may be necessary for the orderly and efficient management of these funds. The books shall be open at all times to inspection of the officers and he/she shall report to them the condition of the club finances and shall itemize expenditures and income accordingly; and at the annual meeting he/she shall render an account of all funds received and expended during the previous fiscal year. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the collection of dues from the club members and visitors. The Treasurer shall also serve as a member of the Committee and carry out other duties as may be prescribed by these Constitution and By-laws.
- (e) **Secretary** - The Secretary shall be responsible for the recordings of minutes at meetings of the club and the Committee of Officers and shall maintain these minutes in an orderly and efficient manner. He/she shall maintain a roll of the members present at each meeting of the Committee, each regular or special meeting of the club, and all training sessions. The Secretary will assist the President with the duties of the Treasurer in the absence of a Treasurer. The Secretary shall also serve as a member of the Committee and carry out other duties as may be prescribed by these Constitution and By-laws.
- (f) **Research Specialist/Interpreter** - The Research Specialist/Interpreter shall have the responsibility of translating at club trials and events and choosing and preparing documents as deemed appropriate from various sources for the continued education and knowledge enlightenment of the club members. The document will be presented to the membership periodically. The Research Specialist/Interpreter shall also serve as a member of the Committee and carry out other duties as may be prescribed by these Constitution and By-laws.
- (g) **Membership**: All members in good standing may attend and voice their opinion at scheduled Club, Special and Annual meetings.

### **Section 3. Eligibility.**

To be eligible to hold an office, a member must be in good standing with the club at all times.

### **Section 4. Resignation of officers.**

Any officer may resign their office upon written notice to the Secretary or the President. At such time, the President will call a special meeting, and the membership will elect a replacement officer.

## **ARTICLE V - MEETINGS, ORDER OF BUSINESS AND VOTING**

### **Section 1. Meetings**

- (a) **Club Meetings.** Meetings of the club shall be held on a regular monthly basis. A quorum for such meetings will be held on the first training day of each month, or as needed.
- (b) **Special Meetings.** Special meetings of the club may be called by a majority vote of the members of the Committee. A quorum for such meeting shall be a majority of the members in good standing present.
- (c) **Annual Meeting.** The club annual meeting shall be held in the month of March for the purpose of reviewing club goals, financial status and club trial planning for the next fiscal year.

### **Section 2. Order of Business**

At the club meetings, the order of business, so far as the character and nature of the meeting may permit, shall be as follows:

*Call to order by the President*  
*Roll call by the Secretary*  
*Minutes of the last meeting*  
*Reports of the President, Treasurer, Vice President,*  
*Training Director and Committees*  
*Unfinished Business*  
*New Business*  
*Adjournment*

### **Section 3. Voting**

Each member in good standing whose dues are paid and not considered delinquent shall be entitled to one vote at any meeting of the club at which he/she is present. Except as provided otherwise in these Constitution and by-laws, for any motion or proposal required to be voted upon by the general membership of the club, a simple majority of the members present shall be sufficient to pass or reject such motion or proposal.

## **ARTICLE VI- DISCIPLINE**

### **Section 1. Suspension**

Any member who is suspended from the privileges of the National Organization or the SV shall automatically be suspended from this club for a like period of time.

### **Section 2. Complaints Against Club Members**

In the event that a member refers a complaint against another member for alleged unsportsmanlike behavior, breach of the BVWDC Code of Ethics, misconduct prejudicial to the best interests of the club or the Schutzhund sport, the complaint must be made in writing to the club President. The President will prepare a letter of notification to the affected member and allow a written rebuttal. The President shall call a committee meeting to discuss the complaint with club officers, and upon review of the committee a decision to resolve the matter will be made. Every effort to resolve complaints will be made prior to disciplinary action. At no time will the club officers accept non-cooperation in this process.

### **Section 3. Final Decision**

The committee shall have complete authority over all complaints. At the committee's option, the member may be suspended from club activities for a period to be set by the committee.

### **Section 4. Expulsion from the Club**

Expulsion of a member of the club may be accomplished only at a meeting of the club following a committee hearing and upon the committee recommendation. Such proceedings may occur at a regular or special meeting of the club. The defending member shall have the privilege of appearing in his/her own behalf. The Chairman shall read the charges and the committee findings and recommendations, and shall invite the defendant, if present, to speak in his/her own behalf if he wishes. The membership shall then vote by written secret ballot on the proposed expulsion. A vote of 2/3 of those present and voting shall be necessary for expulsion. If expulsion is not voted, the committee may suspend the member for a period of up to three months.

## **ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENTS**

Amendments to the Constitution and by-laws may be proposed by the Committee of Officers or by written petition addressed to the Committee of Officers signed by 20% of the membership in good standing. The Committee of Officers shall promptly consider amendments proposed by such petition. All proposed amendments must be submitted to the membership with recommendations of the Committee for a vote within one (1) month of the date when petition was received by the general membership.

The Constitution and by-laws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the members present and voting at any regular meeting or special meeting as provided in Article V, Section 1 (b).

## **ARTICLE VIII - DISSOLUTION**

The club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of the President and voting recommendations of not less than 2/3 of the members in good standing. In the event of the dissolution of the club, whether voluntary or involuntary, or by operation of the law, none of the property of the club shall be distributed to any member of the club nor any proceeds thereof or any assets of the club shall be distributed to any member, but after payment of the all debts of the club, its property and assets shall be given to a charitable organization for the benefit of dogs, such organization to be selected by the Committee of Officers.

## **ARTICLE IX - MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Section 1. Health of the Dogs**

- (a) All dogs trained by members, applicants and visitors six months of age and older receiving training at any club training session shall have a current Veterinary Certificate of Rabies Vaccination on file with the club Secretary. This must be received within thirty (30) days of notification or will result in the suspension of all training privileges.
- (b) All dogs must be current on vaccinations and in good health, with no apparent illness in order to participate in club activities and training sessions. Any person having a dog appearing ill or in bad health will be asked to immediately crate the dog, and training will not be conducted for that dog.
- (c) Due to the nature and physical requirements prescribed to in the course of schutzhund training, it is strongly recommended that all dogs have their hips x-rayed at the age of 12 months or older.

### **Section 2. Training**

- (a) All dogs are to be kept on leash or in a kennel crate unless working under the supervision of the Training Director or designee. All dogs must be under control of the owner or handler at all times. Dogs will be tied out or in crates during training, depending on the exercise.
- (b) Dogs shall participate in obedience sessions before they are allowed to participate in protection training. Protection training shall not be started on new dogs until they have sufficient obedience capabilities as determined by the Training Director or trainer in charge of a particular session. A training level similar to that required for a CD or BH degree is expected. It is the policy of this Club that no more than two (2) dogs will be trained at any one session by any one person; training a third dog at any one session can only be done with the consent of the Training Director and must not interfere with the timely training of other dogs. However, a third dog being a puppy under the age of twelve (12) months may be allowed to participate in puppy circle practices, whereby a circle of young dogs in the same age proximity can be worked at the same time.
- (c) Prospective members and guest of members may attend any training session but may not enter into training activities of the Club except by the invitation of the presiding officer, the Training Director or trainer in charge shall determine what phases of training the dog and handler may participate in.
- (d) Member dogs will participate in training first, then visitors dogs may be worked in when time permits.

### **Section 3. Safety Guidelines**

- (a) All persons training should wear appropriate clothing for vigorous training in an outdoor environment as accidents are the sole responsibility of each individual participant
- (b) Handlers and owners shall provide appropriate personal training equipment in good condition and of the correct size for each dog in training. At no time will inappropriate or unsafe equipment be used in protection training.
- (c) All persons should work together to insure a safe training environment as safety of the helper, handler and the dog is of the utmost importance.

(d) Visitors and children should remain in a designated area while training sessions are being conducted. This is for the safety of all individuals.

**Section 4. Dog Breeds**

(a) The BVWDA is a member of the German Shepherd Dog Club of America – Working Dog Association (GSDCA-WDA).

(b) Due to insurance requirements and liability related to this sport, and agreed upon by the charter members of this club, it is prohibited for members or visitors to train or participate in the bitework training to any of the designated “fighting” breeds at BVWDC club training sessions or club related events, WITHOUT prior evaluation of the animal and handler. Acceptance to train with BVWDC will be at the discretion of the Committee.

**Section 5. Club Insurance**

The BVWDC as a member of the German Shepherd Dog Club of America – Working Dog Association (GSDCA-WDA), is required to carry General Liability Insurance on club activities and events. This required insurance does not cover club members and club officials, therefore, the charter members of BVWDC voted and elected to obtain additional insurance coverage identified as “Special Risk” insurance, which will cover members and/or officials should an accident occur during training at a club sponsored event. **The BVWDC insurance policies will NOT cover any accident that occurs during private training or at other training clubs. Should an accident occur during training, the member must notify the club president or trainer in charge PRIOR to leaving.**

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