

ARC ROTTWEILER MEASUREMENT SURVEY

Approved by ARC BOD 1/25/04

Presently, the ARC has no method of documenting vital statistics of any Rottweiler i.e.: height, weight, eye color etc. other than the available health clearances from OFA, CERF, etc. Through this survey an owner or breeder will be able to document these statistics in an official capacity.

The Rottweiler Measurement Survey is designed to be used as a learning tool not only for the owners/Rottweiler fanciers of today but for those in the future as well. A certificate will be issued for each dog participating in the survey. Each certificate will include all pertinent information on the dog, as well as the measurements taken of the dog and a critique. The dog is also required to partake in a short heeling exercise on leash to demonstrate that the dog is under control.

The evaluator's critique is a subjective opinion and measurements can change as a dog matures; therefore, Rottweiler owners are encouraged to participate in additional surveys under different evaluators.

The Rottweiler Measurement Survey is for educational purposes only and is in no way meant to be construed as an approval for breeding or as an approval of the dog's temperament.

The critiques will be published and will be available for purchase through the American Rottweiler Club.

Rules Applying to the Rottweiler Measurement Survey

Survey Eligibility

Dogs and Bitches.

1. 24 months or older
2. AKC registered
(Open to dogs imported within the previous 6 months with foreign registry documentation.)
3. OFA, Pennhip, GDC hip certification.
Pennhip must be read at minimum of 24 months and hip score must be at least .5 or lower. GDC certification must be read at minimum of 24 months.

(If at the time of the survey the dog is not hip certified the survey may still be taken. The section on the critique will be marked "Not Present" or "Pending". A six-month window is provided for later submission of the hip-certifying document. If by then no document is submitted, the survey certificate will NOT be issued.)

Rottweilers With Undocked Tails

Dogs with undocked tails are allowed to participate in the survey; however, a notation will be made on the critique: "Undocked tail, nor in accordance with the AKC Rottweiler Standard."

Documentation requirements

Copies are to be sent along with Survey entry form, however originals MUST be presented at time of survey or dog will NOT be allowed to participate.

1. A completed survey entry form, signed by the owner of the dog, which includes the statement that the critiques are the property of the American Rottweiler Club and will be published whether the dog completes the survey, is disqualified or excused.
2. Original AKC registration or foreign registration with proper documentation.
3. Any identification to be listed on the certificate must include one of the following:
 - a. Tattoo must be READABLE.
 - b. ORIGINAL microchip documentation.
 - c. ORIGINAL DNA certificate from AKC.
4. Original OFA, Pennhip, GDC hip certification.

5. Any conformation/performance titles to be listed on the certificate must be accompanied with ORIGINAL documentation.
6. Any health certifications to be listed on the certificate must be accompanied with ORIGINAL documentation.
7. Weight of dog certified by a veterinarian within 45 days of the survey date.

Procedure

1. The dog is measured by the evaluator (height, body length, eye color, teeth inspection etc.)
2. After measurement, the dog is verbally critiqued by evaluator for conformation and gait.
3. Following the critique portion, the dog will heel on lead in a rectangular pattern of 30 paces to include 2 right turns and come to a full halt (evaluator will call out when to make turns). Next, the dog will make two figure 8's in a crowd of six people and come to a full halt in the center of the crowd.

Disqualification

Any disqualification(s) will be noted on the certificate and will be published.

1. Any dog that attacks or bites the evaluator, it's handler or any person at any time during the survey will be disqualified and will be dismissed from completing the survey. May NOT take the survey again.
2. Any dog that possess disqualifying faults according to the AKC standard will be disqualified; however, the survey will be completed. The disqualifying fault(s) will be noted on the critique. May NOT take the survey again.

Excused

If a dog is excused for any reason it will be noted on the certificate and will be published.

1. Any dog that cannot stand for examination during the measurement part of the survey will be excused and will be dismissed from completing the survey. May take the survey again.
2. Any dog in the evaluator's opinion is lame will be excused and will be dismissed from completing the survey. May take the survey again.
3. Any dog that fails to comply with the heeling patterns will be excused and will be dismissed from completing the survey. May take the survey again.
4. If handler feels that the dog is not capable of completing the survey for whatever reason, the handler may asked to be excused and will be dismissed from completing the survey. May take the survey again. Dogs that have been excused for this reason can reapply one additional time.
5. If in the opinion of the evaluator the dog demonstrates belligerent behavior the evaluator may excuse the dog and will be dismissed from completing the survey. May take the survey again. Dogs that have been excused for this reason can reapply one additional time.

Any challenges to the survey must be made in writing to the Board of Directors of the American Rottweiler Club no later than 60 days after the date of the survey. All challenges are to specify the error and require documentation to refute the findings.

Note

Evaluators shall not critique either dogs that the evaluator or any member of his/her immediate family* owns/co-owns; owned/co-owned within one year prior to the evaluation; bred/co-bred or sired by a stud dog that is owned/co-owned.

(*As defined in Chapter 11, Section 13 – AKC Rules Applying to Dog Shows: husband, wife; father; mother; son; daughter; brother; sister; father-in-law; mother-in-law; son-in-law; daughter-in-law; brother-in-law; sister-in-law.)