

Questions from Testing Practice

Der Jagdgebrauchshund 2/2020

Association Tests JGHV § 8 Organizational Regulations

Situation:

During an association test, the Test Director, who knows the testing areas very well, gives a few suggestions on the running of the test throughout the entire day. The Senior Judge of the group does not follow any of these suggestions. After the Test Director repeats his requests several times, the Senior Judge points out, that he alone is responsible for the running of the test.

Question: Is the behavior of the Senior Judge correct?

Answer: No! The behavior of the Senior Judge is not correct.

Reason: § 8 (1) *The organizing club and the Test Director are fully responsible for the proper execution of each test.*

The rights and obligations of a Test Director or Senior Judge are established in countless paragraphs of the Test and Judges' Regulations. The Verbandsrichter (Association Judges) and the Test Director must abide by these regulations at all tests of JGHV member clubs and at the utility tests (*Brauchbarkeitsprüfungen*) of the German federal states.

In the case above, the Test Director wanted to give the judges advice on the conduct of the test, as he knew the testing areas very well. At any time, the Test Director has the right, as well as the duty, to ensure that the running of the test is conducted according to the regulations. Furthermore, he/she can intervene if the organizational execution of the test is jeopardized by the judges, handlers or spectators. He/she can indeed advise the judging group in points of uncertainty about the interpretation of the test regulations (and should be able to do so) or give suggestions on the running of the test. Decisions in the evaluation of the dogs' work or the awarding of predicates and points are, however, the sole responsibility of the judging group.

Decision of the *Stammbuchkommission* from January 10, 2020