

Anti-Doping Regulations
Allgemeiner Deutscher Rottweiler Klub e. V. - ADRK
for Exhibitions, Examinations and Competitions

Preamble

1. These Anti-Doping Regulations serve to protect animal welfare, equal opportunities, fairness, and the integrity of exhibitions / examinations / competitions of ADRK .
2. These Regulations are based in particular on the animal welfare law of the Federal Republic of Germany, the relevant rules and regulations of European Union, the FCI provisions on doping, as well as the anti-doping regulations of VDH . Insofar as these Anti-Doping Regulations contain gaps or give rise to doubts of interpretation, the respectively current regulations of VDH shall apply additionally, to the extent compatible with these Regulations.

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§1 Scope of Application

1. These Anti-Doping Regulations shall apply to all events of ADRK, in particular exhibitions, date-protected examinations, competitions, as well as other performance or breeding events, irrespective of whether express reference is made thereto in the respective announcement in the individual case.
2. The addressees are owners, keepers, handlers, exhibitors, and other responsible persons who present and / or accompany a dog at the event.
3. These Anti-Doping Regulations constitute a binding component of the respective regulations of ADRK, the respective announcements and conditions of participation, as well as the (entry) registrations. By submitting (entry) registrations / by participation, the responsible persons confirm that they have taken note of these Anti-Doping Regulations, acknowledge their applicability, and consent to the conduct of doping controls, including data processing .

§2 Definitions

1. A doping violation shall be deemed to exist where a substance pursuant to §3 is detected in a dog. Refusal, obstruction, manipulation, substitution, or interference with the taking of samples, the chain of custody, or the analysis shall be deemed equivalent to a doping violation . A doping violation may be sanctioned irrespective of fault.
2. As a matter of principle, an A sample and a B sample shall be taken and sealed and coded in a tamper-proof manner . The B sample serves for confirmatory analysis.
3. The doping control team is the unit commissioned by ADRK to carry out the controls; it includes, in particular, the veterinarian taking the sample as well as accompanying organizational personnel.

§3 Prohibited Substances / List of Substance Classes / Threshold Values

1. All substances listed in the list of substance classes of VDH, as well as in the following list, are prohibited.
2. The substance classes include:
 - substances affecting the central or peripheral nervous system
 - substances affecting the autonomic nervous system
 - substances affecting the gastrointestinal tract
 - substances affecting the cardiovascular system
 - substances affecting the musculoskeletal system
 - antipyretic, analgesic, anti-inflammatory substances
 - antibiotic, antifungal, antiviral substances
 - substances affecting blood coagulation
 - substances with cytotoxic effects
 - antihistamines
 - Diuretika
 - local anesthetics
 - muscle relaxants
 - respiratory stimulants
 - sex hormones
 - anabolic agents
 - corticosteroids
 - endocrine secretions and synthetic homologues
3. Doping shall be deemed to exist where a substance from the substance classes is detected in any quantity, unless a threshold value has expressly been specified . Detection may be made in the tissues, bodily fluids, and excretions of the animal.
4. For theobromine, a threshold value of 2,000 nanograms / ml shall apply. Further threshold values / analytical specifications shall be governed by the respectively current VDH requirements.

§4 Exemptions

1. Medically necessary treatment shall take precedence over sporting / breeding interests.
2. Authorization to start or a medical exemption shall exempt from sanctions only to the approved extent and for the approved period if the substances specified in advance are subsequently detected during a doping control.
3. If a dog is undergoing veterinary treatment, or has undergone treatment until shortly before the event, the type, quantity, time, and duration of the substances administered must be stated in full and submitted together with a veterinary certificate at least three weeks before the start of the event . Documents submitted late or incompletely shall not be taken into consideration.
4. Exclusively the form provided by VDH / ADRK shall be used.
5. The decision on authorization to start shall be made by ADRK, with the possible involvement of qualified third parties . There shall be no entitlement to authorization to start / exemption.
6. Authorization to start / exemption may be granted for a maximum period of up to twelve months. Extensions must be applied for separately. Changes must be notified without undue delay. A reasoned revocation of the authorization to start / exemption is possible at any time.
7. The applicant shall bear the costs arising from the examination of the authorization to start / exemption.

§5 Doping Controls

1. Doping controls may be carried out at all events of ADRK , without any separate reference thereto having to be made in the announcement .
2. At the beginning of each year, the Executive Board of ADRK shall determine the number and location of scheduled controls.
3. Selection shall, as a matter of principle, be random and / or performance-based, as well as suspicion-based.
4. The selection and control process shall be recorded in minutes.
5. Procedure:
 - a. Prior to sample collection, the animal must be clearly identified and the identity of the responsible person must be established and documented.
 - b. Blood samples, urine samples, saliva samples, and tissue samples may be taken, provided this is compatible with animal welfare and analytically suitable. In the case of blood samples, a minimum sample volume of 18 ml shall apply. The type of sample collection shall be determined by the head of the control team; blood samples shall be taken by a veterinarian.
 - c. Immediately after collection, the sample containers shall be sealed in a tamper-proof manner, coded, and documented without gaps.
 - d. The A sample shall be sent without undue delay to a laboratory qualified / accredited for doping analyses.
6. After notification of a positive A sample finding, the owner may, within ten days of obtaining knowledge thereof, request in writing, at the owner's own expense, analysis of the B sample; otherwise, the A sample finding shall be deemed accepted . Where analytically necessary, ADRK may arrange for analysis of the B sample at its own expense.

7. The responsible person is obliged to cooperate and may observe the sample collection insofar as this does not interfere with the procedure. Uninvolved third parties shall be excluded from the control station and sample collection unless their presence is mandatory.

§6 Sanctions

1. If a prohibited substance is detected, a placed dog shall subsequently be disqualified; assessments / titles / placings shall be revoked.
2. Depending on the severity of the violation, doping violations may be sanctioned by:
 - a. reprimand, in particular a severe reprimand
 - b. the dog concerned shall be suspended from all events within the sphere of ADRK for a minimum of 6 months and a maximum of 3 years.
 - c. the owner, keeper, handler, exhibitor, and other responsible persons shall be suspended from all events within the sphere of ADRK for a minimum of 6 months and a maximum of 3 years.
 - d. fines
 - up to EUR 500.00 for first-time violations
 - up to EUR 1,000.00 in cases of repetition or serious violations
 - e. in the event of established doping violations, the owner, keeper, handler, exhibitor, and other responsible persons shall be jointly and severally liable for the costs of the control and analysis, irrespective of fault . In the event of negative sample results, the organizer shall bear the costs.
3. A combination of several sanctions under no. 2 shall be permissible.

§7 Procedure

1. Sanctions shall be decided upon by the Executive Board of ADRK , unless the Articles of Association of ADRK and its regulations assign the decision to another body.
2. The legal remedy of objection shall be admissible against adverse decisions within two weeks of service. The objection must be submitted in writing to the Executive Board of ADRK and must state reasons. The Executive Board shall decide on the objection at its next meeting by simple majority resolution. The decision shall be served on the person concerned in writing by registered letter. The objection shall have no suspensive effect.

§8 Data Protection Clause

1. For the purpose of performing the duties defined in these Regulations and fulfilling their purpose, the association processes personal data.
2. Personal data are:
 - surname,
 - first name,
 - address,
 - email address.
3. By participating and thereby acknowledging these Regulations, participants consent to the
 - storage,
 - handling,
 - processing,
 - transmission

of their personal data required for the event within the framework of the performance of duties and purposes. Any other use of data (for example, the purchase of data) is not permitted. The collection of further data requires the written consent of the respective participant.

4. Every participating person has the right to
 - information regarding their stored data,
 - rectification of their stored data in the event of inaccuracy,
 - blocking of their data,
 - erasure of their data.
5. Personal data shall be treated confidentially and shall not be passed on to third parties unless this is necessary or ordered for reasons relating to the event, legal requirements, insurance matters, or official / administrative requirements.
6. The member shall be responsible for ensuring that the communicated data are up to date. If impairments or damage arise as a result of the use of outdated data, the participating person alone shall be liable therefor.

§9 Language Provision

If, in the text, only the female or male grammatical form is used for functional designations, this serves solely the purpose of easier readability . All such offices and functions may be exercised by all 3 genders recognized in Bundesrepublik Deutschland.

§10 Final Provisions

1. These Anti-Doping Regulations shall enter into force upon publication by ADRK and shall be continuously adapted to the current VDH / FCI requirements.

2. In the event of contradictions between these Anti-Doping Regulations and mandatory requirements of VDH / FCI that are binding for the specific event, the mandatory association requirements shall prevail; in all other respects, these Anti-Doping Regulations shall take precedence within the ADRK regulatory framework.
3. Should any provision be invalid, the validity of the remaining provisions shall remain unaffected; it shall be replaced by a valid provision that comes closest to the intended purpose.