

Weißer Schweizer Schäferhund

Although an integral part of the breed's ancestry White has long been considered a disqualifying fault by GSD traditionalists, despite this the variation boasts a considerable band of enthusiasts, who claim the modern GSD attained many of its attributed from a white ancestor, however their efforts to gain acceptance have long been thwarted by the concerted opposition of the GSD world.

Tireless lobbying by North American devotee persuaded the *United Kennel Club* to recognise the variety as *White Shepherds* in 1999 while European fanciers have achieved similar success in getting the *Fédération Cynologique Internationale* to provisionally accept white GSDs as *Berger Blanc Suisse [BBS]* or *Swiss Shepherd Dogs* since 2003.

While not included in the original research into drug sensitivity it is now known that approximate 20% of DNA tested BBS dogs

carry at least a single copy of the mutant gene, signifying a probable link with British working sheepdogs, either via the original German breeding lines or the surreptitious introduction of working sheepdog breeding.

