

Craig Groh
USCA Performance Judge License #32 / SV Trial Judge License #1624

You will find me on the training field, the trial field, the conformation ring, in the whelping box, and in the meeting room. I have been involved with all aspects of the sport, and the GSD breed.

I've been a member of USCA since 1988. I have held positions at the local, regional and national level of the USCA organization including the office of Vice President.

I earned my United Schutzhund Clubs of America Performance Judging license in November 2005 and my SV license in July of 2009.

I've judged at the Regional, National level, and internationally.

I received my USCA license to judge the RH B level in September 2018.

In April 2025 I earned my SV license to perform Character Assessments (WB) of GSDs.

Having been fortunate enough to apprentice and learn from some of the most respected Judges, trainers, and breeders in this country and around the world, I hope to pass it on. I do this by working with people, providing support and education in all areas of the sport. Training new handlers, helpers and promoting a positive image of the sport to members and the general public. I hold a Teaching Helper and Teaching Tracklayer classification with USCA, and preside over multiple seminar/certifications every year. I also regularly work with Apprentice Judges as a Teaching Judge.

Working with and promoting our youth members is my greatest passion in the sport. Encouraging youth handlers to participate in and learn from the sport, as these young handlers and helpers are the future of the sport. I am a board member of the Schutzhund USA Youth Scholarship Fund.

I've titled 14 working dogs in my tenure so far, most too level 3, and multiple FH's. Competing at the Regional and Nation level many times. All of these dogs, except one, were Owner Handler Trained (HOT) and some were also Owner Breed.

In 2013 I titled my first RH 2 dog in Area Searching (FL). I also helped every member of my local club earn an RH V with their dog that same year. I went on to earn an IPO 3 with the same dog and then earned his RH 2 in Tracking (F). Since then I've trained two other RH dogs. My club has co-hosted the USCA RH Nationals twice. I am currently the USAC RH Program Director.

My registered kennel name is *von Grohaus*. I have been able to produce second generation breed dogs that have achieved KKL I, V ratings.

I try every day to give back to the organization, the sport, and the breed that has given so much to me. I'll see you on the field.