DDR Wertmessziffer System

Historically, the SDG (Sektion Dienst und Gebrauchhundewesen) was principally concerned with the registration and trialing of working dogs. Breeding was designed to provide dogs for the military, police, border patrol and customs. DDR breed wardens assessed every litter for proper dentition (the arrangement or condition of the teeth), temperament, bone structure, ear set, coat quality, and overall appearance, resulting in the highest recognized standards in breeding.

Dogs were then "Breed Surveyed" using the Wertmessziffer System. In this East German DDR system, a series of numbers were assigned and used to describe the dog's physical and mental characteristics. Below is an explanation of what the series of 6 numbers mean. The following table is a translation of the system (no guarantees) so you may decipher any dog's Körung. *Note: The scoring a dog is only allowed to be administered by an approved Körmeister – a Breed Survey Master. The actual Breed Survey of a dog is known as a Kör report.*

The dog's Körung is a "Breed Survey," a score/rating to select from the breeding registry a number of dogs that in their character, performance, and anatomical construction appear suitable for the conservation and improvement of the breed. For example, an ideal DDR IGP/IPO Schtutzhund or DDR working dog's Körung might read something like 6655/55. A dog rated from ***3/33 to ***7/33 may still be useful as a police or military dog.

Number	First Digit	Second Digit	Third Digit	Fourth Digit	Fifth Digit	Sixth Digit
Value	Body Type Compared to Standard	Constitution	Structure	Temperament	Sharpness	Courage and Hardness
0	Little Resemblance	Delicate, Weak	Cryptorchid	Nervous, Shy	…	…
1	Poor Representative	Deficient Sexual Characteristics	Poor Angulation or Poor Chest	Spooky, Timid, Noise Sensitive	None	None
2	Too Light	Teeth or Pigment Fault	Faulty Leg Proportions	Insecure, Fearful at Times, Possible Sharp	Present	Present
3	Too Tall	Coat Faulty	Average Angulation	Reserved, Suspicious, or Aggressive	Sufficient	Sufficient
4	Sufficient	Maturing Problems	Good Angulation	Aggressive, Sharp, Hard, Dangerous	Good	Good
5	Average	Ideal	Excellent	Relaxed, Friendly, Very Hard When Provoked	Very Good	Very Good
6	Powerful	Coarse, Resilient	Good build, Good chest	Relaxed, Friendly, Hard When Provoked	…	…
7	Too Short	Weak Musculature, or Ears	Stretched Body	Relaxed, Friendly, Sensitive	…	…
8	Heavy	Spongy	Over Angulated	Relaxed, Friendly, Indifferent, Little Sharpness	…	…
9	Course	Crippled	Excess of All Above Points	Soft, Indifferent, Depressed, No Sharpness		

East German DDR Dogs must score in the above yellow parameters to even be considered for breeding.