



Dear Readers,

Do you feel the same way? Whenever you switch on the television, you're bombarded with problems. There are horrific wars, showing desperate and helpless people and animals. Beached humpback whales, hoping to be rescued. People here in Germany who, due to the rising cost of living, are worried about their future. It all weighs heavily on me, and I can only hope that some sort of peaceful solution will emerge. Political apathy in this country is greater than ever. Much to the delight of those who exploit this for their own ends. Their supporters promise that theirs is the solution, but we won't know until afterwards if they were right.

You would think that people who pursue a hobby would find in it the necessary peace and distance from everyday troubles. Yet these everyday troubles are increasingly encroaching on our leisure time as well. Harassment and exclusion are no longer the exception.

I often ask myself why this is the case. Have we forgotten how to get along? Does a difference of opinion always have to end in a battle to the death?

Nobody could possibly want that. Not even those with the least amount of understanding. They suffer just as much, even if they hide it well. So why can't we manage to interact 'normally' again with one another? We should be able to argue without becoming enemies for life, with our sights set on finding a solution, without being dogmatic just to boost our own egos.

Our dogs couldn't care less about all that. They want to be kept busy in line with their abilities and to be treated fairly. Let's take a leaf out of their book and once again learn to treat one another in a socially responsible and respectful manner.

As I write this, the SV National Assembly is still to come, so I am unable to share any results with you at this time. As usual, you will find a brief report on our SV website afterwards. We will also endeavour to publish the report in this issue to keep you fully informed.

The agenda is extensive once again this year and packed with some groundbreaking decisions.

Interested SV members can view the agenda in the members' area of the SV website.

I hope that all participants at the SV National Assembly will be mindful of their responsibilities, making decisions solely for the benefit of German Shepherds and the good of our club.

Although it may sometimes seem difficult, together we will succeed in resolving the existing problems. Most of these problems did not arise overnight. Nor is it possible to solve them immediately. Work on this will continue on an ongoing basis. It must be noted that it is often precisely those who call for change the loudest who become hesitant when it comes to implementing it. It takes courage to change things. And every change also carries the risk of failure. However, the biggest mistake would be to leave everything as it is out of fear of failure. What is good and proven must remain, but where change is needed, action must be taken and appropriate adjustments must be made. It is only natural that this will attract criticism, because some will think it's too much and others will think it's too little. Anyone who can't cope with this has no place as a leader.

However, it is also time for the silent majority of our members to pluck up the courage to speak out a little louder and express their opinions. In the public eye in particular, the highest possible level of common sense should prevail over political power games. The future of our club is at stake, and that concerns us all. I hope you enjoy reading the June issue of our SV Magazine. Among other things, we reflect on the successful SV qualification for the WUSV World Championship UNIVERSAL in the Bavaria North federal group, and we address the important issue of 'cruel breeding', which affects almost every dog breed. You can read more about this inside.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "R. Dannenberg".

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