

# Dear Friends of the German Shepherd,

It is now mid-November 2026, and the club's main events have essentially come to a close. It is therefore time to look back. However, I would like to focus on the National Champions' Breeding Show/World Championship, which I was fortunate enough to experience first-hand from start to finish.

In my opinion, the organising team led by Marco Oßmann and Jochen Prall did an exceptional job of organising and running the 2026 National Champions' Breeding Show/World Championship, and cannot be thanked enough for their tremendous volunteer work. Without the help of all the volunteers, this major event simply could not have taken place. The National Champions' Breeding Show/World Championship for German Shepherds is a major international event, attracting exhibitors from all over the world.

It remains the global main event in German Shepherd breeding and, as we know, takes place in Germany every year. In my opinion, without this major international show, SV would lose one of its most important events. Therefore, what is needed is not isolationism and nationalism, but continued openness to the world, tolerance and hospitality. This was evident at the 2026 National Champions' Breeding Show/World Championship, as it had been in previous years.

It should be clear to everyone that the event incurs costs. However, when SV uses funds to pursue its statutory objectives, such as the promotion of German Shepherd breeding, this money is spent very wisely and in accordance with the club's mandate. Nevertheless, care must continue to be taken in future to ensure that the event does not run at a loss. When one considers that other major club events have been generating substantial financial deficits year after year for decades, the remarks above regarding the National Champions' Breeding Show/World Championship become all the more relevant.

On the Monday following the National Champions' Breeding Show/World Championship, the WUSV General Assembly took place, as it has in previous years. In the elections held, the incumbent Vice-President, René Rudin, was re-elected to his post by an overwhelming majority. Roberto Caputi was also re-elected to the Board by an overwhelming majority. Jinfei Chen was elected as a new member by an overwhelming majority, following Vadim Plotsker's resignation a few days before the assembly. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Vadim Plotsker sincerely for his work on the Board!

As SV is both the breed's country of origin and the WUSV's largest member organisation, it has a duty to continue promoting the breeding of German Shepherds worldwide. While local conditions must be taken into account, the guiding principle must always be to ensure that standards abroad align with German standards. Indeed, in the medium term, these standards should become identical.

This is one of the objectives of the WUSV Board and the Secretary General. Through ongoing and future training programmes for breeders, as well as WUSV judges and breeding coordinators, further progress in this regard can certainly be realistically expected. Similarly, the global activities of our SV judges are yet another element that promotes breeding and deserves our continued support.

Furthermore, the WUSV Board, and in particular the WUSV President (who, as we know, is also the SV President), is committed to maintaining the current trusting relationship through bilateral discussions, accountable action and transparency. It is normal for differing views to exist in individual cases, though the principle should always be that it is better to talk to one another than about one another.

It is gratifying to note that, after many years during which the WUSV was of only minor significance, if any, to many SV members, there is now a lively interest in the WUSV from various quarters. The questions raised in this regard should be answered by the preceding explanations, taking into account the statutes and regulations of both the WUSV and SV. Although it is 'only' mid-November 2026, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a blessed Christmas and all the very best for 2027.

Yours truly,



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