

## Editorial

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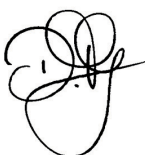
### Dear Club Colleagues and SV Youth,

A new year lies ahead of us: a year full of opportunities and shared paths, but also challenges. January invites us to pause for a moment, reflect on the past year and look ahead with confidence. Particularly in our youth work at the Verein für Deutsche Schäferhunde, courage, togetherness and confidence are values that strengthen and guide us. Courage, for our young people, often means trying new things, such as taking part in a competition for the first time, stepping into the ring, training with a new dog or taking on responsibility within the association. Courage grows where support is felt, and it is precisely this mutual support that characterises our community in many places. Togetherness means listening to each other, sharing experiences and being there one another. Whether on the training ground, at competitions or at joint events, we celebrate successes and bear setbacks together. This togetherness brings our club to life and provides our young people with support and security.

Confidence means believing in ourselves, our dogs and our club community. It grows when we stick together, share experiences and encourage each other, across generations. Over many years, our association has accumulated a wealth of knowledge, commitment and passion. This provides a solid foundation on which to offer our young members a sense of safety and guidance. Displaying confidence openly helps young people to take on responsibility courageously and actively shape our club. Together, we can tackle new goals, overcome challenges and lead our association into the future.

Armed with this confidence, we can start the new year feeling motivated. I am looking forward to a year full of commitment, shared experiences and exciting youth events. Let us be guided by courage, nurture our togetherness and start the new year with optimism! With this in mind, I wish all members, young people and their families a healthy, successful and fulfilling new year.

Your Association Head of Youth,



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