

Editorial



I would like to thank you all for the good wishes you sent me and my family this Christmas and New Year.

On behalf of the entire SV Executive Board, I would also like to wish you the very best for this coming year.

Yours,
Prof. Heinrich Meßler
SV and WUSV President



On behalf of all staff at the SV head office, I would like to thank you all for the numerous good wishes we received over Christmas and New Year.

We are looking forward to all working together again this year to do our utmost for German Shepherds.

Yours,
Hartmut Setecki
SV head office

Dear reader,

I hope that you had a relaxing Christmas and an enjoyable New Year. I wish you good health and much success in everything you do in 2017. Let's work together again this year to the benefit of German Shepherds and our society. I'm convinced that we can make a huge difference together.

"Make a difference" – what a great phrase. In this edition, you can read a selection of letters sent to me and the editorial team in response to my piece in November's edition: "Getting to the bottom of it". In my article, I outlined the urgent problems and challenges I see in our society, and I asked for your opinions and ideas. Many of you have responded to my request and I would like to thank you all for taking the time to get in touch.

As you will see from the coverage in this magazine, there are numerous views and potential solutions that relate to our society. We have selected these particular letters as they contain many excellent, important, constructive and critical aspects. And we have published them because we can all benefit from these thoughts and ideas. We will publish more members' letters in future editions.

We proved that we can make a difference and work together as a society at the final two events of 2016: the German National Tracking Dog Examination in Thale and the SV Agility Championships and the National League Grand Finale in Ketsch. Reports on these two events can be found in this edition.

And as the saying goes, the time after a competition is also the time before a competition.

We have recently announced the dates for the SV's main upcoming events. I look forward to seeing you at these events in 2017 – either as a participant, away supporter or interested guest.

Yours,

Prof. Dr. Heinrich Meßler
President



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