



Editorial

Dear Reader,

With the publication of the new SV magazine “Deutscher Schäferhund” that you’ve got in your hands right now, the SV is breaking new ground. The magazine will focus on the breed that brings all our society’s members together: the German Shepherd, which surprises us all every day with its nature and many talents. In future, we want to make this dedication to our breed come to life on the pages of this magazine. We will show the sporty side of German Shepherds, delve into the fascinating world of breeding and report on dogs who are taking on an important role in our society – such as working with the police, as rescue dogs or therapy dogs.

In this very first edition, we are taking a look back at the SV’s long tradition. Society Breeding Director Lothar Quoll uses his article to describe our society’s history, which is closely intertwined with the name Max von Stephanitz, and the start of breeding. Author Astrid Gätje picks up the thread again and tells the exciting story of Dr. Werner Funk, one of the most successful breeders of his time, and his kennel name “vom Haus Schütting”, which is certainly known to all. And today? Nowadays, the German Shepherd demonstrates all his skills and diversity at the SV’s main events, which will draw in the crowds again this year, of that I’m certain. And we must not overlook another of our breed’s facets: they are reliable partners and family dogs, as explained by two members of our society.

Take some time to discover the new SV magazine. Get to know the experts in our new “Ask the expert” feature and understand the new “GSD International” specialist framework. I hope you thoroughly enjoy reading the new SV magazine.

Best wishes,

Prof. Heinrich Meßler,
SV and WUSV President



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