

## Editorial



### Dear Reader,

Wonderful weeks of competition are now behind us. This is why this edition of the SV gazette is all about the SV's main society events. This edition's photographers and authors have worked hard to share a range of impressions from these outstanding events, as well as providing the details of participants' performances. I would like to once again thank them all, as well as the organizers, judges and volunteers at the Bundessiegerzuchtschau in Nuremberg, the Bundessiegerprüfung in Verden/Aller, and the German National Herding Trials in Königsee, for ensuring these events were a great success. And of course, congratulations to all the winners!

These past few weeks have been topped off by the results that were announced at the WUSV World Championships in Denmark shortly before this edition's copy deadline. We have been crowned Vice World Champions – both in the individual and team classifications! These are wonderful results, particularly considering the top-class field of participants. Congratulations! Our congratulations must also be extended to our starters at the Agility World Championships. The SV's starters dominated the competition and clinched the top spots at the end.

Why are these annual events so important for the SV? They are a way for us to measure our hard work and effort. And they also demonstrate our dogs' versatility and remind us to uphold and foster these characteristics. It doesn't matter if we're talking about a breed show, an IPO competition, a rescue dog event or Agility. The dogs prove time and again why Cavalry Captain von Stephanitz founded the Society for German Shepherd Dogs (SV) and lay the foundations for well-planned breeding over 100 years ago. He was convinced that German Shepherds are man's ideal companion. At the time, he could probably only surmise in how many different areas the breed would be used over the years.

We often forget when going about our day-to-day society business and when having discussions within the society how proud we should be of our dogs and their diversity that makes the SV stand out.

We share that with the outside world and demonstrate what the German Shepherd can do all too rarely. And we rarely mention the work we put in, week in, week out, so that people can train their dogs at a local committee. What's more, we forget to say how wonderful it is to do so as part of a community.

I hope that we don't simply represent our society and the German Shepherd at the large, prestigious events such as the BSZ, BSP and BLH. But rather, I hope that the German Shepherd breed continues to be of value to us so that we talk about it every day, make it visible every day, advertise our society and local committees, and demonstrate our conviction as messengers of Cavalry Captain von Stephanitz.

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