Editorial



Dear reader,

in October's editorial – while still overwhelmed by the WUSV World Championships – I touched on our positive outlook on an international level. However, as part of my article that you will find on p. 22 of this edition of the SV magazine, I want to discuss whether this optimistic outlook for the WUSV also applies to our German SV. Your open and honest opinion is welcome and I hope that we can open the dialog based on your suggestions.

In principle, I am particularly concerned by the processes in the SV that have hampered our society for many years – to virtually block a positive trend reversal. To gain an understanding of this, I have explained in my article how our society works and the conflicts and interests we have to deal with. At the same time, I would like to appeal to members: Picture what you would call a society and then compare it with our current situation. You will see that there is a lot of potential. I firmly believe that each and every one of us can change something. Take this opportunity to determine which direction the society should take in future. We have a democratic society structure – let us use it.

The stories in this magazine show that it is worth getting involved in the SV. For example, take a look at the article about SV's younger members who put on a great performance at the top ten competition and were then rewarded for it at the Bundessiegerprüfung and Bundessiegerzuchtschau. Or enjoy reading the comprehensive event report about our traditional German National Herding Trials or the background to our new SV film, which highlights our breed wonderfully. You'll quickly see that we can achieve a lot together as a society. In this regard, I am looking forward to hearing your opinions and I would like to wish you and your family a joyful and reflective Advent season.

Best wishes,

Prof. Dr. Heinrich Meßler, SV-Präsident



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