

Editorial



Dear Reader,

Over the last month, we have all been able to witness the outstanding performances our German Shepherds are able to give. The WUSV World Championships in Randers (Denmark) were characterized by wonderful performances, including on a final day that could not have been more exciting, but also by camaraderie among participants from all over the world. This high-profile event therefore demonstrated what should be on the agenda for the community of WUSV countries: working together to the benefit of German Shepherds and representing the breed as a strong unit. It was a joy to see how Randers had set itself up for this large-scale event. Flags, placards and garlands were seen all over the city and were an expression of the unbelievable hospitality shown by the people in our neighboring country. You can read a comprehensive event report written by SV Press Officer Roswitha Dannenberg from page 8 onwards. I would also like to congratulate our SV starters for multiple successes. Sabrina Höfer, winner of the 2018 Bundessiegerprüfung, can now also call herself the WUSV Vice World Champion for 2018. Our German team can also use the same title since only the excellent results from the Czech team prevented them from reaching the top step of the podium. Congratulations to you all! Our participants also brought their skills to the Agility World Championships – which were held alongside the World Championships in Randers – and in the end, they took the top three places on the podium, also clinching the Agility Team Championship title.

At this point, it should be seen as a positive that the WUSV World Championships for IPO and Agility were held at the same time as the 100th anniversary breed show for the Danish Shepherd Dog Association. All in all, there were over 500 dogs present. As far as I know, this event had the most shepherd dogs present in Europe after the main German breed show. This was an impressive presence which also resonated greatly with the public and laymen alike. There was also an opportunity for an intensive exchange between representatives from individual interest groups. This was an example of how individual disciplines can accept and support one another. This format had an extraordinary outward impact and we must try to promote interdisciplinary events if permitted by the space available at the event venues.

The SV's new family membership fees is another new concept that also marks a decisive step for our society. By introducing these fees, we are helping larger families and enabling parents to incorporate their children into our community from a very early age. We have been working on this initiative since the 2017 Federal Convention. I am delighted that we have been able to introduce the new family membership fees and would like to thank all those who have worked on the concept with determination and commitment over recent months.

Best wishes,

Prof. Heinrich Meßler,
SV and WUSV President



The cover photo for this edition was taken by SV Press Officer Roswitha Dannenberg at the 2018 German National Herding Trials and features the BLH Champion, shepherd Herbert Kind.



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