

## Editorial

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### Dear Readers,

The New Year gives us the perfect opportunity to take a look back. But looking back at the year just gone is also a glimpse into the future. It is a time when we can take stock of everything that has happened and make plans for the coming year. I also see it as an opportunity to look back at the past and assess.

All in all, I believe this summary to be very positive for us and our society as we head towards the New Year. As reported in the November edition of the SV magazine, we have witnessed the highest levels in dog sport and breed shows in recent weeks. Our Bundessiegerzuchtschau and Bundessiegerprüfung were superlative events, and at the end of the year, we also had an outstanding opportunity to present our wonderful breed to a wide audience at the World Dog Show 2017 held in Leipzig. And who could forget the highlight from the WUSV World Championships in Tilburg (Netherlands): Our individual and team victories – we were crowned **WORLD CHAMPIONS!** At this juncture, I would like to thank our Dutch friends once again for organizing such a fantastic event.

My Christmas greetings would be incomplete without saying “thank you” to all the volunteers at our SV events, all handlers and owners who have competed in numerous disciplines, supporters, SV members, members of the local and national committees, the entire team at the SV head office, and last but not least, my colleagues on the SV Executive Board.

As ever, there is much to do, but this in no way prevents us from taking the time to look back happily on this year. But I think we can also look hopefully toward the future because we will achieve the goals we have set ourselves.

I hope that all your hopes come true this Christmas, and you can take the time to reflect over the festive season, while seeking peace and harmony. I wish you a happy, healthy New Year.

With very

best wishes,

Prof. Dr. med. Heinrich Meßler  
President SV and WUSV



The cover page of this edition features “Deetje vom Fuchsbachtal”, photographed by Andrea Pavel.

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### ... and don't forget: 2018 membership fees

As the year draws to a close, we would like to remind you that your membership fees are now due. For more information, see page 6.