

## Editorial

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Dear Readers,



Back to square one! This is how you could describe the situation after the latest development of the pandemic and the most recent restrictions ordered by politicians (as of mid-December 2021). Once again, in November and December, events already planned by local and federal groups and the first training courses and meetings for the new year had to be cancelled or postponed. Once again, sporting competitions and football matches are taking place in almost empty halls and stadiums.

For Verein für Deutsche Schäferhunde (SV) e.V., this means that contrary to all hopes, the organisation of local, supra-regional and nationwide events in 2022 will only be possible in compliance with the regulations applicable in the federal state in question. For another few months or possibly the rest of 2022, larger events will only be able to be held after a safety concept has been agreed with the local authorities. Fortunately, the Federal Assembly has extended SV's Coronavirus Ordinance by a large majority through a circulating resolution, thus enabling us to act more flexibly.

At the same time, this means that in the coming year, events that exceed the size of a local group examination will incur higher costs. Many a local group will consider whether they can hold such events. It is to be hoped that the recently ordered measures will again significantly increase the vaccination rate and thus that restrictions can be eased in early summer. I would like to expressly encourage the local groups to hold their scheduled events wherever possible. I ask members to support such events by actively participating.

Despite all these obstacles, I am sure that in view of the experience gained last year and the still solid financial situation of the club, it will be generally possible to hold the main association events and to do so with higher attendance figures. Albeit subject to restrictions.

In this spirit, I wish you a lovely, successful and above all healthy New Year in 2022.

Yours truly,

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