



Dear Friends of the German Shepherd,

By the time these words are published, it will be mid-January 2025, meaning that the new year will be about half a month old. It is therefore just the right time to wish all our readers and friends of the German Shepherd a Happy New Year, a task which gives me great pleasure.

The turn of the year is generally marked by resolutions: hopes and wishes for the success of plans set for the year to come. Of course, the events of the past year always have an impact on the future. In 2024, for example, we were able to significantly improve the more than strained relationship between some WUSV member clubs and SV. Constructive cooperation and action have been restored.

In this context, it was of great importance that the legal action taken by four WUSV members against the club regarding the lawful election of our current president was dismissed by the District Court of Augsburg. This of course provided legal certainty for further discussions with a large number of WUSV members in order to resolve the existing differences in the interests of both WUSV and SV. The 2024 general meeting of WUSV on the Monday after the National Champions' Breeding Show was very harmonious and characterised by mutual trust and the desire to work together again constructively.

I am very certain that this will be further deepened and expanded in 2025, and that solutions will be found to existing problems – such as the new WUSV breeding regulations – that all WUSV member clubs can live with. The sincere wish of the club's business manager for 2025 is, of course, that SV's financial situation will continue to consolidate. We have achieved a great deal since the current board took office, and hopefully by the end of 2025 we will be in as good a financial position as we have been in the past. To put it in a nutshell: the financial situation improved significantly in 2024 and the trend for 2025 is that it will probably continue to do so.

One example of this is the SV Magazine: when I wrote the last editorial, I feared that it would soon no longer be possible to publish the SV Magazine every month in paper form – as I had come to love – and that we would have to consider publishing it only electronically. In 2024, the situation significantly improved, and fortunately, it now looks as if we will be able to keep the old, much-loved SV Magazine in 2025. It will continue to be published monthly in paper form with the same quality (in addition to the option of electronic delivery, of course), but at a significantly reduced cost thanks to a change in contractual partner.

Another example is the National Champions' Breeding Show. According to preliminary results, the National Champions' Breeding Show/World Championships 2024 performed better financially than in the previous year. This also gives hope for the future!

Finally, I would like to wish all breeders, handlers and exhibitors a great deal of fun and success with our German Shepherds in 2025.

Yours truly,

Uwe Sprenger