



Together we are stronger – the power of unity at Verein für Deutsche Schäferhunde (SV) e.V.

Dear Readers and Members,

I would like to welcome you to the current issue of the SV Magazine. As SV's Herding Dog Representative, I am concerned not only with the promotion and preservation of herding dogs, but also with the welfare and future of our entire community.

In our club work, we often encounter a wide variety of disciplines and orientations – whether in breeding, sport or working dogs. Each of these areas has its own importance, traditions and passion. But if we think only in terms of these units, we can easily lose sight of the bigger picture.

It is the community that matters. The community is what makes us strong, and our club thrives on that strength. A wonderful example of the power of unity and togetherness is the organisation of the SV qualification test, WUSV World Championship Universal.

It provides us with an impressive experience of how two essential areas of our club, breeding and competitive sport, merge into a unique symbiosis.

This event combines the best of both worlds: the most versatile and the most beautiful working dog. It is a competition of dogs that excel in both working performance and anatomical quality. This combination shows what we should all be focused on: preserving and promoting the German Shepherd in its entirety – as an efficient, healthy dog with a strong character that fulfils the breed standard in every way.

It is in this combination that our great strength lies. When we look beyond the boundaries of individual disciplines, we realise that our common goal is the same: passion and love for the German Shepherd. Every area and every discipline contributes to the preservation and development of this wonderful breed. Only if we work together, if we combine breeding, sport and work, will we succeed in keeping the German Shepherd as what it is: a versatile, intelligent and reliable companion at your side.

Therefore, I would like to appeal to all of us: let us think outside the box. Not in terms of individual disciplines, but in terms of the community, keeping an eye on the big picture. Together we can achieve much more: for our club, for our dogs, and for the future of this extraordinary breed.

Sincerely,

Ulrich Hausmann