



**Backstage – take a look behind the scenes and help shape the future**

**Dear Readers and Valued Members,**

By the time you get your hands on this issue, the SV 2025 season will have begun.

The National Champions' Test and German Championships at Hundefreunde Greffen have crowned the new hooper champions, the tickets for the World Championship Universal have been awarded to the best male and female dogs, and the German Youth and Junior Championships and the SV National Assembly are waiting for their athletes – along with the FCI National Qualifications and the WUSV World Championship Universal.

This abundance of events shows that club life at SV is extremely active, with a huge variety of activities in the great world of dog sport. During my third and last term as Sporting Officer, I introduced the 'four-eyes' principle. Not because I wear glasses, but because I check twice.

Because some things are hard to believe the first time you see them. For example, there is an incredibly large pool of committed members behind the numerous events listed. Both in the run-up to the event and on the day itself, they are the heart of the organisation, each in their own role ensuring that the event runs positively and smoothly. They rise to the challenge of organising such major events to provide an unforgettable experience for both athletes and spectators.

However, with each passing year, the number of these valuable volunteers is dwindling and it is becoming increasingly difficult to find organisers. This begs the question: why?

Do we have too many selfish people among us, and do we take the easy way out with the excuse that we don't have time? Are our lives so full of commitments that there is no room for volunteering? The life of our club is changing, and it is absolutely essential that we consciously help to shape this process.

We cannot rely on someone else to do it for us. We need to reach out to our members and motivate them to get involved. As the saying goes: many hands make light work.

With that in mind, I look forward to seeing you backstage and taking part in one of our events.

Best wishes,  
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