

Editorial

Dear Readers,



First of all, I hope that you and your relatives are in good health. Due to the corona pandemic, we are currently in an exceptional situation worldwide, the like of which we have never experienced and which is creating challenges in all areas of our lives. This time of the year would normally be the start of the federal group breeding show season. As you know, there will be no breeding shows in June 2020 and many federal group breeding shows have already been cancelled due to the fact that the National Champions' Breeding Show will not take place. Breeding shows are of course especially unfeasible during the pandemic due to the physical distancing requirements and the predominant ban on spectators. I think that it will still take some time until these events can take place. After the easing of restrictions by the German federal and

state governments, the SV Board was anxious to make it possible again for all members to pursue their hobby, be it in the field of dog sport or breeding, from 6 June onwards.

The Corona Emergency Ordinance with its recommendations for the organisation of individual events was the right path for the SV Board in this difficult phase, even if it was controversial. Its implementation must of course be carried out according to the different requirements of the individual states. It is almost impossible for the association's management to make all-encompassing specifications. I am glad that we have succeeded in providing our members with the necessary requirements for passing breeding-relevant examinations, approvals and individual breeding evaluations and that we can reactivate and maintain our breeding activities. A large number of dogs could not be used for breeding up to now, because some of the requirements mentioned were not in place and could not be taken during the corona shutdown. However, this is now possible again under the appropriate conditions. Further activities within our association should hopefully be able to be resumed from 1 July.

German Shepherds still enjoy great popularity worldwide. As I have gathered from many conversations with breeders, there is currently high demand for German Shepherds in Germany and the WUSV member countries. The pandemic did not curb people's interest in our dogs; on the contrary, the opposite seems to be the case. Therefore, I hope that our breeders will continue their activities even in these difficult times and that we as a breeders' association will be able to meet the interest and demand for our German Shepherds.

Stay healthy.

Yours truly,

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