



Dear Readers,

This year we are celebrating a very special anniversary: *Verein für Deutsche Schäferhunde (SV) e.V.* looks back on a proud 125 years of existence. This is a period marked by passion, commitment and a deep bond with one of the most fascinating dog breeds in the world. It is fitting that the WUSV World Championship will take place in Meppen, an event that attracts dog lovers from all over the world and represents the pinnacle of dog sport.

The WUSV World Championship will not only showcase the best German Shepherds in IGP sport, but will also, for the first time ever during this anniversary year, provide a platform to demonstrate the breed's diverse abilities. Various competitions will demonstrate how close the bond between human and animal can be and how this cooperation can lead to impressive performances.

The programme promises both exciting and entertaining insights into different dog sport disciplines. Rally obedience, a discipline that demands skill and precision, will be represented, as will obedience, which emphasises servility and seamless cooperation. Particularly pleasing is the premiere of the WUSV Agility World Championship, which will be held in Meppen for the first time. Agility requires speed, dexterity and perfect communication between dog and handler: a spectacular sport that is guaranteed to captivate all spectators. Another highlight is Hoopers, a young sport in which the dog is guided through a course of hoops, barrels and gates. This discipline requires a great deal of distance control and trust between people and their dogs.

The 125th anniversary of *Verein für Deutsche Schäferhunde (SV) e.V.* is a testament to the enduring importance of this breed and the club's ongoing work to maintain and develop breeding standards. The WUSV World Championship in Meppen is therefore not only a sporting event, but also a tribute to the long history of the club.

Let us experience this festival of dog sports together.

Yours truly,
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