

## Editorial

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Dear Readers,



In this issue of the SV Magazine, starting on page 32, you can gain an insight into the experiences of various players at this year's national youth events. I can make a clear report on the great atmosphere at these two events as well as my impressions of the club's youth work in the past months: our youth are winning! They are gaining in numbers, in importance and in relevance in our club!

Despite Coronavirus and the general trend towards lethargy, we were able to record an increase in membership in the youth sector of almost 14 per cent among 16- to 18-year-olds in 2020. For three years now, we have been pleased to see an increasing number of young people joining. Now, 70 per cent of our youth members are 13 and older and are therefore ready to actively participate in our club.

This became very clear when the breeding show season started again in June and our LG youth breeding shows received new record numbers. At eight LG youth shows throughout Germany, almost 530 dogs were presented by young handlers. Even the youngest and most inexperienced wanted and were able to contribute, for example at LG North Rhineland's *Kind trifft Hund* (Child Meets Dog) or in veteran classes and youth groups. Such campaigns and events offer opportunities to introduce our youngest to our hobby and our club and make them a lasting part of our future. Many thanks to everyone who makes this possible for our youth and who, in my opinion, are promoting a positive trend.

Please, let's all pick up on this trend and further advance and expand the opportunities for our young members in our association. We all rely on our SV youth and the young adults in our club and their commitment and motivation. I'm certain that we will achieve a lot together!

Yours truly,

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