

Editorial

Dear Readers,



By the time you hold this SV Magazine in your hands, the National Champions' Breeding Show in Nuremberg will be just around the corner. Despite all the prophecies of doom and sometimes unjustified criticism, I am convinced that we will once again get to experience an excellent major event for our club.

In the run-up to the event, I would like to thank all the staff of the Head Office and the entire organising team for their preparatory work, which has been quite difficult at times. Our President, Prof. Dr. Heinrich Meßler, reported in his editorial in the July issue about overtyping in connection with the new Animal Welfare Dog Ordinance. This ordinance with its regulations that will take effect at staggered intervals is also a topic of discussion in the Breeding Committee. It is up to the association to inform its members and officers about the new regulations.

We already fulfilled this obligation in the February issue of the SV Magazine, where we reported in detail about the new requirements.

Another responsibility to provide information lies in the hands of the federal groups. All members, breeders and officials (especially the OG heads of breeding and ID representatives) needed to be informed and sensitised accordingly. However, it must also be made clear that dog owners and breeders are exclusively responsible for compliance with the provisions of the Animal Welfare Dog Ordinance as well as the Animal Welfare Act. These individuals are who the responsible authorities need to turn to in the event of any violations.

I am convinced that the club has very high standards for its breeders and members. When the Animal Welfare Dog Ordinance was amended, legislators certainly did not have controlled breed breeding in mind, but rather the uncontrolled reproduction of dogs.

Nevertheless, I would like to ask that the changes in legislation be addressed and acted upon.

Yours truly,

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