

Editorial

Dear Readers,



'Corona', 'pandemic', 'lockdown': these are all terms that were still unknown to many of us at the start of this year and which are now inevitably found in everyday language. Covid-19 turned everything upside down for us while we were completely unprepared. It was, and is, all over the media. And besides our careers and the serious restrictions in our daily lives, it also affects club activities at SV to a considerable extent. We all still remember the message from the SV head office on 16 March informing us that all events within SV, both at local and federal group level, had been cancelled. The original end date (30 April) had to be extended until the first weekend in June due to further negative developments.

Unfortunately, in addition to local group events, almost all national and international performance events as well as the BSZ had to be cancelled. The decision of the SV board was unavoidable. This is of course very regrettable for the organisers, who had already invested a lot of work, time and energy in the preparations for the events. Dog handlers, who were already in training preparation with their German Shepherds, are particularly disappointed about the cancellation of the events. However, there is some small 'consolation' at least for the intended participants of the WUSV Universal World Championship 2020 who already qualified for this year's event last year. The SV board has decided that dog handlers qualified for the year 2020 will be able to compete next year without further qualification.

From 6 June, it was initially possible to hold at least breeding-relevant events again, albeit in compliance with the legal regulations, which in some cases varied greatly from region to region, and in strict compliance with hygiene regulations. Only since the first weekend in July have SV events been able to be held again without restrictions, in compliance with the initially very strict regulations. Even though the regulations have been relaxed somewhat in the meantime, coronavirus will continue to influence our activities at SV for a long while to come. Only SV's National Tracking Dog Test and the RH-BSP are currently being carried out, and we hope that there will be no further negative developments or a corona-related government ban by the scheduled dates. We will know more at the time of publication of this SV Magazine. The VDH-DM IGP-FH will also be held according to the information currently available. This is an event in which all VDH associations entitled to test can participate and for which SV participants qualify via the National FH. Fortunately, the board of the Saxony federal group has agreed to organise the event this year.

Even though 2020 has 'run its course' in the field of performance events, apart from the BFH and the RH-BSP, the planning for next year is in full swing. The BSP will take place in Meppen next year, and the implementation of the National FCI in the Thuringia federal group is also in preparation. Looking back, let us consider 2020 as a challenge due to the coronavirus pandemic and look forward to the events next year, which we will hopefully be able to hold again under at least reasonably normal conditions.

Until then, stay healthy.

Yours truly,

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