

### Dear Readers and Friends of the German Shepherd,



By the time you're holding this issue of the SV Magazine in your hands, some of SV's main club events will already be over.

The National Champions' Breeding Show in Nuremberg, the National Performance Herding in Eimke and the National Champions' Test in Meppen will have taken place.

All of these are events that we unfortunately had to cancel in 2020 due to the pandemic.

The decisions to postpone the LG breeding shows and the LG competitions were absolutely correct.

Fortunately, this year we were able to hold these events, despite various gloomy predictions and critics. This was also the SV Board's declared goal at the beginning of 2021. Of course, all events had to take place in compliance with government restrictions to ensure contact tracing, among other things. But compared to many other associations, we at SV managed to hold these major events.

All those who were involved in the organisation and implementation deserve a particularly big thank you and a lot of praise for the work done.

I am certain that the major SV events still to come can also be carried out smoothly.

But let me also sound a note of criticism.

In the coming year, too, we may have to count on there being government restrictions on our major events, which will also be subject to appropriate checks. We will only be able to enjoy our events in the future if we all abide by the regulations and implement them. If individual members opt out or fail to comply with regulations, we may be subject to further government restrictions, and the misconduct of individuals may even put our entire official approval on a shaky ground. We should all be aware of this.

At the time of publication of this issue of the SV Magazine, the next event will be this year's basic seminar for judge candidates at OG Engelbostel. Fortunately, the federal groups have registered several applicants in all disciplines, which means that the training of our new judges can continue without interruption.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish the applicants all the best and much success in their further training.

Yours truly,

Bernd Weber

SV Association Head of Breeding