

## Editorial

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Dear Readers,



'It's finally starting again': that could be our current motto. After activities at SV almost came to a standstill starting in spring 2020, with a short interruption in the summer months, we've been holding events once again in the local and federal groups for some time now. While the FCI National Qualification had to be cancelled in June due to Covid, the DJJM was the first national event to take place. It was followed by the National Champions' Breeding Show and the SV National Champions' Examinations in IGP and Agility. And the next big events are just around the corner.

I have been able to be present at all the events that have taken place so far. In many conversations with participants and guests, I've got the impression that everyone is happy to finally be able to actively participate in dog sports once again or to be able to watch as spectators. Of course, I hope that we won't be overrun by another wave of Covid and that our SV activities won't come to yet another standstill. I am of the opinion that, with the right discipline, we can all play a certain part in this.

Perhaps, despite all the restrictions and compliance, the coronavirus pandemic has also done some good. We have had to make compromises in the implementation of the last major events and distance ourselves from previous procedures. Looking back, certainly not everything that had to be changed was bad.

For example, 'rushing' the dogs in preparation for the TSB examination by two permanently assigned teaching assistants at the National Champions' Breeding Show, as well as the presentation of all classes in the stadium. Or implementing the joint draw of Agility and IGP participants in the stadium at the DJJM and SV National Champions' Examination. In my view, both have proved to be quite positive or audience-friendly and we should consider whether or not to maintain these regulations.

I think Covid has slowed us down in the last one and a half years and made some people think. At least that has been the case for me. I've had time to reflect on my commitment as the club's head of training and to ask myself why I invest so much energy, heart and soul in this club and my job. I came to the conclusion that the interaction with my German Shepherds and the many mostly positive exchanges with our members are what drive and motivate me. At the same time, I am well aware of the responsibility I have taken on with this office. I am also aware that I do not have a patent solution for all our problems. But I will try to use my strength for the good of our association.

I wish you all the best for the coming end of this year!

Yours truly,

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