Dear Readers,



As you hold this issue of the SV Magazine in your hands, 2022, both on the club calendar and the calendar at large, is already coming to an end.

Fortunately, all the events of the main association and the federal groups could be held without any major restrictions, even if there were additional requirements imposed by the authorities. Especially at our two largest events, the National Champions' Test in Karlsruhe and the National Champions' Breeding Show in Nuremberg, there were no restrictions whatsoever with regard to visitors and guests. The conditions imposed on the exhibitors by the veterinary office were certainly a nuisance, but we managed to meet them. At both events, I

found that the general mood of our members was very positive, and I hope that that mood will accompany us into 2023.

This is gratifying. For in addition to the Covid problems that I addressed in my editorial in January 2022, this year saw the start of the Ukraine war. The resulting economic developments, the end of which is not yet in sight, mean further restrictions on our hobby.

In addition, the regulatory frenzy created by legislators with regard to the development of the Animal Welfare Dog Ordinance and the Animal Transport Ordinance has raised numerous further restrictions, which may have led to many a potential exhibitor from Germany and abroad not making the journey to Nuremberg. All these issues will certainly affect the activities in our association in the coming year, too, and may limit the work on our hobby.

Despite all these difficult conditions, I wish you as relaxing and peaceful a holiday season as possible and a wonderful Christmas 2022.

Yours truly,

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