



Dear Readers,

In my opinion, the run-up to Christmas is a very good time to take a quick break from the rush of everyday life and review the year 2023 so far.

The recent past has brought us new animal welfare regulations that have tightened up the previous ones. The extent of the restrictions is not yet foreseeable, as the higher court and final court rulings on the individual regulations have not yet been made. It will also take another year or two before there are any groundbreaking decisions.

Until then, it's certainly advisable to come to an arrangement with the responsible authorities, which are usually municipal ones, in connection with our SV events.

The SV Board is determined not to leave the organisers alone in this, at any level of the club, but to support them with advice and assistance. Because it is undisputed that events involving our German Shepherds – at local group, federal group and main association level – are the lifeblood of the club.

Activity with the dogs, sporting competition in the 'classic areas' of tracking, obedience, protection and at breeding shows on the one hand, and activities in the newly added areas on the other, are of utmost importance to our club's continued existence. Last but not least, the economic survival of our club depends on the success of these events.

I therefore wish all those involved in the planning and realisation of such club events in the coming year success, good luck and lots of fun with our German Shepherds.

Yours truly,

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