## Dear Friends of the German Shepherd,



As I begin to write this December 2021 editorial, I have the very thinned-out issue of our December 2020 newspaper in front of me and am remembering back to the Covid situation we went through at that time. This reminiscence fills me with gratitude for the events that all of us, or rather all of you, have been able to organise this year. And we were only able to do this because we all stood together during this difficult time.

Every event was a highlight, though the National Champions' Breeding Show in Nuremberg and the National Champions' Test in Meppen, which were held under the most difficult conditions, have probably left the most lasting impression.

Another highlight was the WUSV World Championship in Lerma, Spain, in November. This fantastic event impressively rounds off the past year and demonstrates in a striking way the worldwide cohesion of the German Shepherd family.

All the events that took place were reported on by those responsible in our SV newspaper on a monthly basis. Words of thanks have already been expressed on site and in the reports, but I feel the need to express my respect and gratitude to all those who have supported and remained loyal to the club

Now it is time to pause and enter into a peaceful Christmas season. I wish you all a blessed Christmas with your families and friends and a happy and prosperous 2022.

And one more thing in conclusion. The doctor in me would like to remind you: get vaccinated, wear a mask and take care of yourself and others so that you can get through the fourth wave of this pandemic in good health and we can all continue to enjoy our beautiful sport with our German Shepherds.

Sincerely,

Prof. Dr. Heinrich Meßler SV and WUSV President