

Further steps toward Harmonization

From July 08th to July 10th, 2022, a first compact seminar took place at the SV local group of Kassel-Niederzwehren (LG 09) – Germany – for trainee judges and character test judges. Most remarkable was the international attendance at the training. Together with seven participants from Germany we were happy to welcome four participants from Italy, two from Poland, two from the Netherlands, and one participant from Lithuania. The longest journey took a participant all the way from India.

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a theoretical introduction was held in the field of character testing based on the examination regulations as in force in Germany, and the up-to-date implementing regulations. Explicit reference was made to the ethical and moral commitments and responsibilities toward our beloved breed.

Also, the organizational particularities for a trouble-free character testing examination were addressed in detail. Emphasis was put on the importance of a personal assistant for a smooth course of the examination

During the practical part of the training a total of 22 dogs had to be evaluated and the results were to be discussed. Also, the participants were trained in the issuing of an assessment sheet using a special SV software. Training objective was to have all participants reach a uniform level. The evaluation of the documents has not yet been finalized. But after having already finalized a total of 14 evaluations it can be said that all trainees reached their aims in a convincing fashion. Almost all participants passed a proper and sound training as national character test judge according to the current SV regulations.

We wish them fun and the best of luck with the new assignment.

