

PRESS RELEASE

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War in Europe – Help required for People and Animals in Ukraine

AUGSBURG – When Russian troops invaded the state territory of Ukraine the unthinkable of which

generations had thought it would be impossible happened: a wrongful, armed attack on a democratic

country – war in Europe.

And as in every war before, there will be no winners – only sufferers and victims in the countries involved. It became quickly obvious at the headquarters of the Verein für Deutsche Schäferhunde (SV) e.V. and the Secretariat General of the World Union of the Associations of German Shepherd Dogs (WUSV) e.V. "The people of Ukraine are suddenly facing an unjustified plight and need our speedy, concerted, and targeted help. "

For this reason, the board members of the SV and WUSV decided to provide general support in terms of humanitarian aid for the people of Ukraine with donations amounting to a total of EUR 15,000.00 which was paid to the German charity organisation "*Aktion Deutschland hilft*"

In addition to that, both the SV and WUSV followed a call for help from Ukraine and initiated food donations for the breeders and dog owners in that country.

Within a very short period of time and owing to the generous support of partners from the dog food industries (for details of the companies involved please see the list attached) the delivery of 23 palettes with more than 15 tons of dog food could be compiled to help the Ukrainian dog owners who are torn by war.

The logistic organisation (collection, temporary storage) of a total of 15 tons of dog food was carried out by the forwarding company NUBER from Augsburg at their own expenses.

On Thursday, March 10th, 2022, the delivery was complete and could be loaded during the course of the day, cleared through customs, and get on its way to Moldavia. A major logistic accomplishment that could only succeed owing to the cooperation and support of the forwarding company NUBER (logistics), Schenker company (free of charge issuing of export documents), and last but not least the Augsburg customs authorities (customs clearance).

The food donations are expected to arrive in Moldavia next Monday and taken over by the Cynological Union of Moldavia and the WUSV member club of that country. Those two organisations together with volunteer workers will distribute the food among Ukrainian breeders and dog owners in special need. The SV and the WUSV are in close contact with the representatives of the two beforementioned organisations.

The animal food situation in Ukraine is acute. The old stocks are dwindling, and no new deliveries expected any time soon.

The past days have in many ways been a token of international solidarity, helpfulness, and humaneness And the same applies for the international community of cynologists and the friends of the German Shepherd breed in particular.

On behalf of the dog lovers in Ukraine we would like to use this opportunity to give thanks to all those here in Germany and abroad who so readily supported our efforts in these challenging times and amid difficult conditions. By the same token, we do hope that the endeavours to end the military conflict will succeed as soon as possible.

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We would like to give our sincerest thanks to our partners for their spontaneous helpfulness.

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