



*You are no longer where you were -  
but you're everywhere we are*  
**Victor Hugo**

### **Last Farewell**

Suddenly and unexpectedly, on New Year's Day 2022, one day before his 62nd birthday, our dear friend Luciano Musolino passed away as a result of the Corona pandemic.

Not only the aficionados of the German Shepherd, but also the entire dog world is shocked by the premature loss of a good friend and extraordinary person.

Long-standing friendship, appreciation and great affection connected us all with "Luciano". The world is losing a leading expert, profound connoisseur, and protagonist of the German Shepherd.

Our deepest condolences go to his family and especially to the Italian German Shepherd Friends, to whom he was, as a breeder and judge, a teacher and stabilizer. In those 13 years of his presidency of the Società Amatori Shepherd Dogs (SAS) he has led it to an extremely high level with worldwide recognition.

As he himself told me, even as a child he had nothing else in mind than German Shepherds. If I interpret his stories correctly, this was not seen uncritically in his parents' home. Consequently, Luciano joined the SAS at the age of 15. Already at a young age he must have mastered the small and the big basics of the German Shepherd from scratch.

In 1986 he finally became an SV member.

His kennel "della Valcuvia" exists since 1987. Here he achieved the VA rating of the SAS over 20 times with self-bred dogs. With his self-bred males Dux della Valcuvia and Marco della Valcuvia, he received the rating "Vorzüglich-Auslese" in Germany. In total, he achieved the rating "Vorzüglich-Auslese" in Germany with 13 other dogs in his possession. The circle closed last year when he became the winner of the SV-Bundessiegerzuchtschau in the working dog class male with his "Mondo di Casa Palomba".

These dogs and other dogs of the kennel "della Valcuvia" have made a lasting contribution to the global German Shepherd Dog breeding and he and his kennel name will live on here.

Not only the SAS and the Ente Nazionale della Cinofilia Italiana (ENCI) in his home country Italy are deeply indebted to the life's work of Luciano Musolino. Luciano's life's work was a "tribute" to the "German Shepherdship". He always worked in the sense of the WUSV. His

competence has been recognized and challenged worldwide in the context of his judging and teaching activities. He directed and spread his knowledge and skills on all five continents of the world. This with the greatest success and acceptance. In an inimitable way, he was able to convey his extensive knowledge and connoisseurship of the German Shepherd impressively and brilliantly from the "general beginner" to the greatest expert.

The WUSV remembers Luciano with deep gratitude. Initially, Luciano was represented on the Central Committee, later served as Continental Director Europe since 2015. Here he selflessly contributed his knowledge and powers in the sense of our breed.

At this point we would like to remind you of his successful participation in joining the Chinese Shepherd Dog Association to our world union.

It is thanks to his tireless commitment and positive influence that the World Union for German Shepherds now enjoys the highest acceptance, popularity and recognition in the cynological world at international level. At this point I would very much like to emphasize Luciano's explicit and most helpful support in terms of the WUSV Breeding Program at a worldwide level. Due to his mediating and conciliatory nature, coupled with goal-oriented consistency, he was able to close seemingly and at first glance unbridgeable rifts.

We will all miss Luciano, as a friend, as a unique connoisseur of the German Shepherd, as a unique person. The grieving German Shepherd community worldwide thanks Luciano Musolino for his life's work.

We will remember him in honor.



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