

Greeting from the SV/WUSV-President



Dear Friends of the German Shepherd Dog Breed
Dear WUSV Member Clubs from all over the World!

From October 01st to October 06th, 2024, the 36. WUSV-World Championship IP will take place in the beautiful region of the Emsland in the *Hänsch-Arena* stadium – also known as the cosy home of dog sports” – in the founding country of the German Shepherd Dog breed. This highlight in terms of dog sports of our breed has been celebrated since 1988 in a huge variety of European countries – we even travelled as far as Philadelphia in the United States of America – which shows the truly international character of this event.

For the fifths time people from all over the world come to Germany and for a very good reason, because the founding club of the German Shepherd Dog breed, the *Verein für Deutsche Schäferhunde (SV) e.V.*, celebrated its 125. anniversary on April 22nd this year. This gives us a good reason to commemorate – and what could be better than hosting the WUSV World Championship IP 2024 in Germany during the festivities? Over the past decades the *Verein für Deutsche Schäferhunde (SV) e.V.* joined together with clubs from countries from all over the world. The World Championship emerged from this special and strong union – a great accomplishment.

My special thanks go to the national group WATERKANT, and to chairman Michael Gerdes, and his team for the organization of the World Championship which requires much time, power, and personal commitment of everyone involved. By the same token, my thanks go to the town of Meppen which once again bestows us with its hospitality. It is for a reason that many qualification trials of the SV for the WUSV World Championship were hosted in this town and now for the second time the World Championship because we know for sure that all of us – competitors, spectators, and most of all our dogs – will be well taken care of there.

I wish the guests from all over the world an enjoyable and exciting time in the Emsland region. And for the dog sporters I wish the best of success in a fair spirit of sports. What matters is to be part of it – not the highest scores. And therefore, everybody is a winner.

To me, it is a special honour to celebrate the WUSV World Championship in Germany in my function as SV and WUSV President. On a personal basis, I am wishing for an event focused on the togetherness in our organization and that the joy for German Shepherd Dog breed will enjoy the highest priority.

With kindest wishes,

Truly yours, Roswitha Dannenberg
SV/ WUSV President