

Greetings from the Town of Meppen



"Dogs have all the good properties that mankind has – without having their flaws at the same time" – with this quote Prussian King Frederick II expressed his love for dogs.

These characteristics might also be the reason – long years of intensive training assumed – for excellent performances coming to light on a regular basis during the championships held by the Verein für Deutsche Schäferhunde (SV) e. V., Landesgruppe/ National Group „WATERKANT“. Also, in this year our stadium will be the venue for the WUSV-World Championship IP & Agility. It gives me reason for joy that our district town has made a name for itself in many years by hosting this event – also at international level.

During the days of the event, we may welcome interested guest from all over the world in Meppen – experts or just amateur fanciers, but in any case, with a big heart for the German Shepherd Dog breed. Time and again it is impressive to see how human and dog interact and pass the different examinations with extinction. This kind of unity is a decisive factor of success.

Quality and commitment are not only to be found among the competitors. Our thanks also go to the volunteers who ensure a smooth and trouble-free tournament and thus considerably contribute to the success of the event. This year, the Verein für Deutsche Schäferhunde (SV) e. V. celebrates its 125-year anniversary. Please allow me to express my warmest congratulations! An anniversary like this speaks an unmistakable language: Do keep up with this good work!

I wish to all of us a great event and for the participants an exciting and fair competition!

Truly yours,

Helmut Knurbein
Town Mayor