

Editorial



Dear reader,

We're now a few weeks in to the show and examination season and we're looking forward to being able to present our animals at countless events again this year. Unfortunately, at the first events of the year – particularly in the show ring – we have seen that the measures introduced last year to standardize ring behavior have already almost been completely forgotten. Our regulations – specifically the examination regulations and show regulations – stipulate the expiry limits of these events. Above all, we addressed the bad habits of positioning the dog using hands and a “quick round”. We did not only clearly specify last year that this behavior would be sanctioned in order to positively present our breed to the public, but also in the spirit of equal opportunities and fairness in the ring. We specifically asked that the dogs are no longer “handled” when standing and that “quick rounds” – i.e. individual trotting – are run at a speed that allows non-Olympic athletes to participate without being ridiculed.

We are therefore repeating our important stance that, at this speed, the ring master designated this as a “flying trot”, which does not make a statement about our breed's potential or endurance.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that the behavior seen in the motherland sets an example throughout the world. In an editorial last year, we already spoke of the fact that things have become excessive, particularly in Anglo-American regions, and this is having a negative effect on our breed's image. This has been used by the press against our breed in an unqualified manner. In this context, it resulted in the English Kennel Club (KC) changing the standard for German Shepherd Dogs in a way that was incomprehensible to us. Talks will be held with the KC in the near future. With this in mind, please think about the signals we are giving out from the motherland. We cannot expect our foreign friends to adhere to our regulations if we are unable to do so ourselves. This is a great responsibility for our ambassadors and judges abroad.

We would like to urgently ask all those involved, whether as an exhibitor or a judge, to adhere to the regulations. At this point, we would like to highlight that when further selecting judges for main society events, the consequences of implementing these regulations will be taken into consideration.

We would like to wish you all a successful and enjoyable examination and show season.

Best wishes,

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On the cover of this edition, you can see the grey muzzle of “Chakira vom Stadtfeld”, (born 05/01/2006), photographed by Roswitha Dannenberg.

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Look out for this Easter egg!

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