



Dear members and friends of our breeds and the PSK,

We would have wished for better news, especially during our anniversary year, than the current breaking news about the effects of the corona virus.

As you may have noticed, many countries have already imposed travel restrictions, which all have one goal, to reduce the risk of infection or at least slowing the spread to ensure continuous medical care.

Even in Germany, events have already been canceled or, as in football, restricted to not allow crowds to enter the stadiums.

Against this background, the board of the PSK has discussed the current situation and the feasibility of our anniversary events in Rheinberg.

The board is of the opinion that the events unfortunately have to be canceled.

Our events should be a highlight in our anniversary year. However, given the current situation, it cannot be assumed that it will be a highlight at all. The existing risks are simply too great to be ignored with a clear conscience.

We have a responsibility to all participating people. These are not just the exhibitors and visitors who voluntarily attend an event. Judges, helpers, service personnel and medical assistants for humans and dogs are also to be included in the circle. We have a responsibility to all these people.

There are also other factors that we must take into account to protect our PSK. Today we can still cancel the events at low cost. However, the later this decision to cancel comes, the greater the financial damage will be.

And the last point is the expected number of participants. In addition to our Italian members, who are currently excluded from events, we have a large number of possible participants who either belong to a risk group themselves or have relatives who do and must not be endangered either. Therefore, the number of registrations is much lower than previously planned and assumed. Economic damage to the PSK cannot be ruled out. For all of the above reasons, the Executive Board feels compelled to cancel the ISPU Show, PSK annual winner selection and the 125th anniversary PSK anniversary show planned in Rheinberg. At this point it is not possible to say with certainty if there will be a new date. We will inform you about further developments.

As I said at the beginning, we would have wished for better news. However, we assume that you will all understand and support the decision of the Board of Directors in order not to endanger anyone and to minimize risks detrimental to the PSK.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has so far worked on the preparations for the shows with great commitment! You have made a great difference, for which we thank you from the bottom of our hearts! Unfortunately, we had to make this decision, which you will surely understand.

For the Board

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