

## **Translation of WUSV President's letter to all members, dated 17th April 2024**

*There are various translations floating about, however, this translation by Iris Cunningham conveys the correct context.*

Dear Sir or Madam, dear members,

I would like to inform you about current matters in the SV.

In the interests of transparency and to counteract rumors and false information, I would like to give you the correct information.

This letter refers to two topics:

1. Resignation of the SV General Manager
2. WUSV situation

Regarding 1.:

The SV Managing Director, Mr. Hartmut Setecki, informed me in March 2024 that he would not continue his employment beyond December 31, 2024 due to personal reasons.

Mr Setecki's resignation was accepted and jointly signed in the spirit of the current good working relationship on March 21, 2024.

On the same date, we also informed the employees of the SV headquarters and the SV board. The search for an appropriate successor began immediately and will continue until such time as a suitable applicant is accepted.

Regarding 2.:

The current status is as follows:

At on April 11th, 2024, the SV Board decided to submit an application to the SV Federal Assembly, for the SV to withdraw from the WUSV.

The reasons for this are ongoing difficulties between the two organizations and the detrimental impact on the SV.

The SV Federal Assembly will make the final decision on the application on by the 2nd. June 2024.

The SV wants to continue to work with the friends of the German Shepherd Dog throughout the world and this should be a peaceful coexistence in which the German Shepherd Dog is the sole focus. A concept needs to be developed that shows a sensible alternative to the current world organization.

We would be very happy to do that in the current WUSV, however, certain a group of people are deliberately blocking this effort at cooperation.

I have not lost hope that many WUSV member clubs will now raise their voices against those responsible and that such a step by the SV can be prevented.

As a result, we may be facing turbulent times in the coming weeks and months. But let us remain confident and solution-oriented.

True to my motto

"The secret of ability lies in the will,"

I will face the challenges and try to find the best solutions for our club and the German Shepherd Dog.

Best regards

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