

# President's Message

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Frank & Holger Hansel at  
the Hunting Dog Club's  
Training Pond

The DKV Annual Meeting took place on August 21<sup>st</sup>, in Bremen, Germany. I represented the DKGNA at the meeting. With the Covid-19 restrictions only 45 people were allowed to attend, each club having one representative plus the members of the DKV Präsidium.

During the meeting the following items were presented/discussed:

- Currently there is more demand for DK pups than the amount being produced
- In 2020 there were 1700 DK pups registered up from 1,100 the previous years
- Breed Warden Gerd Schad noted that there were many requests (90) to provide DK pedigrees for dogs from abroad, 10 of which wanted to breed. When evaluating breeding these dogs the parents, and grand parents as well as any siblings must be evaluated
- A major concern of the foreign dogs is the "Hardness"
- It appears that Covid-19 has led to many new young and female members
- In 2020 there were no DK found to have OCD
- Most DK appeared to have died from natural causes or cancer
- Many of the tests in 2020 had to be cancelled because of Covid-19, including the 2020 Kleemann. In 2021 Covid-19 has already caused the cancellation of the IKP
- The 2022 Kleemann will be hosted by Klub Nordmark, they have great fields and water
- Currently looking for a location for the 2023 IKP
- The NADKC is eligible to go off probation for previous rule violations
- Some Clubs have been guilty of awarding an abundance of 4h's during tests. Andreas Thomschke and Anja Baumann will be monitoring this going forward
- Anja Baumann noted the biggest problem with the Stud Book is the Test Directors submitted the Test Results correctly and accurately
- Also, Anja noted that Breeders need to read the Breeding Regulations prior to breeding
- The Treasury reported that the DKV is financially solvent and has a healthy reserve
- Two new Clubs were approved for membership
- Michael Hammerer was re-elected as DKV President
- Rudolf Fisch was elected as Vice-President
- Starting in the 2022 breeding year all dogs must do Hips and shoulders for HD and OCD
- There was a lengthy discussion regarding the qualifications for the Kleemann. Following the discussion, it was determined that no changes would be made at this

time. The proposed changes would be studied further and disseminated to the Club Presidents in December. Further discussion will take place at the Presidents meeting in February 2022.

It was a very good meeting and very productive. However, limited in attendance due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Following the meeting I visited Holger Hansel and his family just South of Bremen. In addition to an enjoyable visit and great food I was treated to an evening of training for new members of the local hunting dog club. Holger and Dieter conducted the training session at the Club's pond. It was both interesting and educational to watch the three different dogs work, each a different breed from the DK. This mentoring program is great and very necessary. In Germany you can't hunting with a dog until he passes the Hunting Test, I think it is similar to the Solms.

In September the DKGNA will hold our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting, in Salt Lake City, UT. This event, hosted by the Desert Mountain Region, will take place on September 23 – 26, 2021. The host hotel will be the Home 2 Suites by Hilton, in Lehi, UT. This event promises to be both informative and enjoyable. We have a number of speakers and informative topics that will be interesting and beneficial for our membership and their guests. If you have not registered for the meeting please do so at this time at:

<https://dkgna.org/annual-meeting/>

In the September we start our fall testing. You can view the [DKGNA Testing Schedule](#) by clicking on the highlighted part of this schedule.



The [2021 DKGNA Raffle](#) is off to a great start. As of this publication there are less than 25 tickets available. This year you can buy tickets online on the DKGNA website at: [dkgna.org](http://dkgna.org). [Click here to view Raffle Flyer!!](#)

On behalf of Marianne and myself we would like to express our gratitude to the DKGNA for the honor bestowed upon us as the first DKGNA members to receive the “Golden Needle Award” from the DKV.

We hope you and your families are in good health and your training for the fall test is progressing on schedule. We look forward to seeing you at the DKGNA Annual Meeting September 23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, in Salt Lake City.

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