

Dear Deutsch-Kurzhaar friends,

We are in a surreal situation. The governments are "driving by sight", a rapid end to the Corona crisis is not likely. We have to be prepared for long-term restrictions.

The spring tests Derby and VJP have so far not been carried out as planned. The Presidium of the DK Verband has made the following decision in mutual agreement with the JGHV, the spring tests "Derby and JVP" can only be held in spring.

Those who did not have the opportunity to do so in spring 2020, but handle the dog at a Solms 2020, will receive ratings in the categories "Nose, Search, Pointing and Cooperation", which are also identical at the Derby. The stud book office will supplement Solms dogs that were not able to be tested at a Derby during spring 2020 with the achievement "Derby" according to the transcribed ratings obtained at the Solms. The majority of the dogs are handled at a Solms in order to qualify them for breeding or for entry in international tests. These dogs will therefore not lack the achievement "Derby". However, dogs that were not able to attend a Derby due to the circumstances in 2020, will be allowed to participate in spring 2021 as an exception.

The DK clubs usually hold their conformation shows from May to July. Many people would be at the events with a high risk of infection. So far, fairs and events have been canceled, which would have been unthinkable until recently. No European soccer championship, no Olympics, no Bayreuth Festival, etc. Therefore, the DK Presidium makes an urgent appeal to the clubs not to hold conformation shows in summer, even if this should be permitted in individual federal states. If you urgently need a conformation evaluation, please contact the Verbandszuchtwart (DKV breed warden) informally and request Einzelbewertung (individual evaluation). In addition, according to PO §7, conformation ratings can be determined at the Solms exams in autumn.

In this difficult time, we all have to maintain the overview and stay calm. Sunshine comes again after rain.

Take care and stay healthy!

Yours,

Michael Hammerer, President DK-Verband
on behalf of the entire Presidium