

# President's Message

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Wildrose vom Trocken Bach in  
Germany at 11 months

We are approaching two months of lock down in the state of Washington and we have had very few cases in the Walla Walla area. The good news is that the Seattle area is showing signs of real improvement. Hopefully our businesses will be opening soon and life as we knew it will start to return.

As you all know the spring testing season has been cancelled without a Derby being held. The DKV has made it clear that every accommodation will be

made to provide a path for the dogs that have not had the opportunity to do a Derby to achieve that rating. Options that have been determined are:

- Dogs doing a Solms this fall will have the opportunity to receive Derby ratings for "Nose, Pointing, Search, and Cooperation" simultaneously while being judge for the Solms. The leader's decision to exercise this option will have to be declared prior to the start of the dog's test.
- If the dog does not do a Solms or does a Solms but the Leader chooses not to exercise the aforementioned Derby option, will have the opportunity to do a Derby in 2021. This is a onetime exception and the age limit will be waived.

When Leaders are making their decision regarding achieving the Derby rating at the Solms it is important that you review the rules regarding pointing. The standard for pointing at the Solms is higher than the Derby. In other words, a point that would be acceptable at the Derby may not be acceptable at the Solms.

There are several unanswered questions regarding the implementation of this plan, but currently, as Christine Hammerer said, "we are all flying in the fog"!!!



We have been doing a series on DKGNA dogs going to the 2020 Kleemann in October. However, like everything else those plans have changed. The 2020 Kleemann has been cancelled. Currently, the DKV Board of Directors is exploring options on how to proceed with the 44<sup>th</sup> Kleemann. DKGNA members had five dogs qualified and preparing to attend the Kleemann this fall, since the last issue another has been added (Anna vom Hügel-Hafen, Ungaro vom Trocken Bach, Uschka vom Trocken Bach, Karlos vom Klepelshanger Forst, Sadie vom Trocken Bach,

and Prinz vom Klepelshanger Forst). Once a final decision has been made on when the Kleemann will be rescheduled we will continue with the articles about the DKGNA dogs planning to attend. It is too bad the event had to be cancelled as six dogs owned by DKGNA members participating would have been quite statement.

We are optimistic that testing will resume in the fall and look forward to seeing everyone participate. Be sure to review the [DKGNA Testing Schedule](#) and sign up for your fall test ASAP. You should check with your test coordinator to see if there are training days available prior to your test.

We wish all of you and your families only good health!!

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