

## Newsletter 04/2021



Dear Members,

This is already the last newsletter of this year, and what a year it has been!

We should all be proud that we have met the WDSF achievements even with the challenges that everyone has faced.

These achievements are a result of your energy, effort, passion for the Dutch Shepherd breed and your trust!




We can go into 2022 knowing we have good support from the WDSF membership!






Looking back to 2021 we embarked on a great journey:

- On 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> September two terrific events took place in Bree, Belgium – the WDSF World Cup 2021 Mondioring and Agility. The World Cup was organized by Hollandse Herder Club België (HHCB), located at HV Eureka. Despite of all Covid restrictions we had 27 participants from 11 different countries from all around the world!

The WDSF Mondioring winners 2021:

-  Andre Schöfer & Speznas – Worldcup Winners 2021, Category 3
-  Péter Iker & Z-Mona von Mondatak – winners in Category 2
-  Nadine Schöfer & Didi van Valesca's Home – winners in Category 1

The WDSF Agility winners 2021:

-  Jana Zvonková and Breena z Vandalky – Worldcup Winners 2021, Grade 3:
-  Jerome Scherrer & Moov de la Dynastie des Sages – winners in Grade 2:
-  Pavla Brabencová & Psuki des Lutins Darigat – winners in Grade 1:

- On 5<sup>th</sup> September new board members were elected and re-elected at the WDSF General meeting:
  - Dennis La France (USA) – President
  - Sigrid Schmidt (DE) – Sport director, VP (until May 2022)
  - Melinda Fekken- de Kleijn (NL) – Secretary
  - Ruud Peters (NL) – Treasurer
  - Nadine Schöfer (DE) – General board member
  - Didier Munoz (FR) – Member of sport commission
  - Elena Sokolova (RUS) – introduced as assistant of the board members

We have built a new team, discussed new ways of working, and hope to bring even more value to the WDSF.

- Bylaws were amended in terms of the rules on cancellation and termination of membership in the WDSF.

The journey is not fully finished, but we should be proud of where we are.

Can we do more? Yes, and we will. Can we communicate more? Yes, and we will.



As 2021 draws to a close, and everyone takes a well-earned break, we want to say thank you for your support and dedication throughout the year, and wish you a very happy holiday season!

Have a fantastic break and let's go into 2022 full of confidence and belief!

Warmest wishes for a very merry Christmas and happy New Year 2022!

### **Members of the WDSF**

Currently the WDSF has 16 Member Organizations made up of 12 Member Countries.

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Australia *	Australian Working Dog Federation	31 Tea Tree Crescent Macquarie Fields  Australia	admin@australianworkingdog.org https://www.australianworkingdog.org/
Austria	Club für Holländische Schäferhunde Österreich (CHSÖ)	Schildweg 10, 2320 Schwechat, Austria	office@herderclub.info www.herderclub.info
Belgium	Hollandse Herder Club België (HHCB)	Elzendreef 4  2900 Schoten - België	hhclub.be@gmail.com
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#### **Removed from the WDSF members in 2021:**

Belgische Rasvereniging Hollandse Herder (BRHH), Belgium  
Hondenvereniging Eureka Bree, Belgium

#### **The WDSF Events 2022**

On 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> of May 2022 the WDSF World Championship & World Cup 2022 will take place in Västerås, Sweden. Rasklubben Hollandse Herdershond will host and organize this event.

Four different disciplines will be presented – IGP, Agility, Obedience and Mondioring.

You can find all relevant information about the event here: <https://www.wc-wdsf2022.eu/contact>

We hope to see you in Sweden soon!





## General Meeting 2022

We will hold our General meeting as part of the WDSF World Championship & World Cup 2022 in Sweden.

We will continue to monitor future situation with COVID, and keep you informed of any updates.

Thank you for your patience and we hope to see you soon!

## About the WDSF Members

In this newsletter we are opening a new rubric about the WDSF Members and their events.

Today we are happy to introduce **Hollandse Herder Sportverein (HHSV)**, Germany!



*The Hollandse Herder Sportverein was founded to continue to give dog athletes from Germany the opportunity to participate in the WDSF World Championship and WDSF World Cups.*

*As a member of the WDSF, as of 01.01.2019, we will actively support the WDSF in its goals to promote the Dutch Shepherd Dog in all its versatility.*

*As a member of the DVG, from 01.01.2019, our members will of course have access to all DVG events.*

*Of course, the support of the "Team Germany for the WDSF World Championships" will continue in the usual, loving way."*

*This is summarized the guiding thesis of the HHSV.*



*In October 2018, we founded this association to allow all athletes to continue to participate in the WDSF events. In the meantime, we have 50 members. We communicate mainly digitally, as the members are spread all over Germany. The organization of Team Germany also runs through our club.*

*We are united by the love for the Dutch Shepherd Dog, sportsmanship and friendship.*

*The German association structures specify that we are affiliated to a sports association of the VdH. At that time, we decided to join the DVG, because it is the biggest sports association in Germany. Through our membership in the DVG we are affiliated with the FCI through the VdH.*

*With us every sportsman is welcome, who has fun with the dog. We have athletes of all sports represented.*

*Unfortunately, Corona has meant that we have not been able to see each other often in recent years, as the WDSF has unfortunately been forced to cancel most events. Therefore, we are looking forward all the more to the World Championships 2022 in Sweden, where the big Herder - family will finally meet again.*

*We wish all friends of the Dutch Shepherd a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Take good care of yourselves and stay healthy.*

*Sigrid Schmidt, 1<sup>st</sup> chairwoman*



We also want to introduce you first open event with Dutch Shepherds in the Netherlands that form the basis of idea to organize the WDSF.

### **National Dutch Championships – Dutch Shepherds**

*On the 6th of November in Holland the National Dutch Championship Dutch Shepherd IGP was held and that was quite a historical moment.*

*Years ago, the Dutch Championship IPO / IGP was the start of a yearly moment when the Dutch Shepherd family came together. Even people who were not participants, came to Holland – Hoogkerk, to enjoy the competition, the dogs, the friendship and to share the same breed preference for the Dutch Shepherd. Because most everyone had a brother/sister/mother/uncle etc of the dogs which participated, it really felt like a 'Dutch Family'.*

*Because participants were not only from Holland, but from all over the world, and came to compete at these Championships, the idea was born to set up a real-World Championship. And so, the World Dutch Shepherd Federation was born.*

*The rest is history, and we are proud the WDSF has grown into a worldwide organization. Since the start of the WDSF and her World Championships in 2014, participation in the Dutch Championship decreased. People had to choose between the championships to prepare their dogs. That was understandable, but very unfortunate. No championship took place between 2017 and 2020. This was partly due to a reduced field of participants, but of course also due to Covid.*



*2021 was certainly a challenge, but with a lot of effort from volunteers, we were able to make the World Cup a success. The field of participants was not large, but they were very enthusiastic handlers who presented their dog as well as possible. The mutual battle was sporty, friendly, but focused on winning and the positions on the podium remained tense until the very end.*

*The public was again well represented. Not only from the Netherlands, but also from other European countries and even from the USA. The old feeling came back a bit. We are proud of it and can look back on a very successful Dutch Championship.*

*At the end of the day, we had a very nice podium with the following winners:*

#### *IGP I*

*1) Jeanine Erkelens - Linck van Valesca's Home*

#### *IGP III*

*1) Jack Stienstra - Holland Vato Loco v. Le Dobry*

*2) Theo Vliegenberg - Xalto van Valesca's Home*

*3) Melinda Fekken-de Kleijn - Holland Rasco v. Le Dobry*





If you also want to introduce your organization or events to other Members of the WDSF, you can send relevant information to [newsletter@wdsf.nl](mailto:newsletter@wdsf.nl). We will publish it in the newsletter.

The following topics can be presented:

- Introduction of the WDSF Member
- Information about sport events and competitions of the WDSF Member
- Information about seminars / workshops / training courses for sport events of the WDSF Member

The published information will not be edited and should not contain any advertising.

### **We need your feedback**

Dear Members, we are interested in your feedback about work of the WDSF. We would happy if you can find some time to answer the following questions:

- What do you think about current work of the WDSF?
- What can we improve in future work of the WDSF?

You can send your opinion and all your ideas / proposals by email.

Every feedback will be reviewed and discussed on board meeting to decide what we can take on board.

With warm wishes,

Your WDSF

