

Dear Members,

The year 2024 is drawing to an end, and it's been a very successful year for us. We have welcomed new clubs and new members, held many club trials up and down the country, where lots of you have successfully gained new qualifications on your dogs. We played a major part in hosting the qualification trials for the FCI and WUSV World Championships as well as holding our own, including the highly anticipated annual helper licensing event. We sent teams to both the FCI and WUSV World championships, where everyone on the teams were GSDL-WDG members and for the first time in a while a team to the WUSV Universal Sieger.

Our Nationals, hosted once again by North West IPO club who always do a fabulous job, was very busy. The entry was over subscribed and there was a very large crowd spectating in the lovely autumn weather on the Sunday. The competition was very tight with a lot of quality teams having 'if only' moments keeping them from the top spot.

Congratulations to our All Breeds National Champion Sally Hibbert with her Malinois Avonwolf Double Dutch and in second place on equal points Bethan Allen with her GSD Westmac DdraigKahlan and in third place Alan Wood with his GSD Vrochas Cami at Shangay.

The WDG AGM is on Saturday the 1<sup>st</sup> of February 2025, please remember that you must be a fully paid up member by the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 in order to have voting rights.

The new IGP rules will come into effect on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2025. The changes have been extensively covered on social media. Please make sure you familiarise yourself with the new rules before entering any trials next year. The full regulations can be found here:

<https://www.fci.be/en/Utility-...>

A number of changes have been made to the rules to clarify the process of selecting the eligible dogs for the WUSV Joint Selection trial. In addition, there has been a few changes to the rules for helper licensing. Please see the attached document for all the changes.

We look forward to seeing a lot of our members at our AGM.

I wish all our members a Merry Christmas and all the best for a happy and successful new year!

**Henriette Bohnstedt**

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