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Dear friends of the large and small Orpingtons,

The 2025 show season is now behind us – a season which, in some regions, was heavily to very heavily affected by avian influenza and the associated restrictions and bans. Ultimately, we had to cancel the national show with heavy hearts. However, after every rain the sun seems to shine again, and so we are looking ahead with confidence to the year 2026, our breeding activities, and the next show season.

The vast majority of you are already aware that we planned to hold a breed-specific European Show this year, together with the Special Interest Group for Large Orpingtons. The venue and date had already been announced verbally. The venue was Hamburg, and the date was the weekend of 30 October–1 November 2026.

Unfortunately, problems arose there early on, as the responsible veterinarian allegedly already knows that avian influenza will again be present at the end of October and that no show permit would therefore be granted for this date. We therefore wanted to move the show to the first weekend in October. However, this was rejected, as this date is considered too early, especially for the Large Orpingtons.

In the search for an alternative, Nüdlingen came to mind again, the location where HSS 2025 is actually supposed to take place. The KTZV Nüdlingen has the necessary hall capacity and experience in organizing special and national shows.

Ultimately, the board decided by a large majority to hold th
**breed-specific European Show 2026 for Large Orpingtons and Dwarf Orpingtons
on the weekend of 7–8 November 2026 in 97702 Nüdlingen.**

Unfortunately, moving the date one week later was unavoidable.

Incidentally, it should be mentioned that in Hamburg we would have had to begin setting up on Thursday due to a state show taking place at the same time. In Nüdlingen, we will not begin until Friday, which means two overnight stays for people and animals.

I hereby cordially invite all cube breeders and cube breeder friends, also on behalf of Daniel Lorenzen, 1st Chairman of the Special Interest Group for Large Orpingtons, to enter and attend this breed-specific European Show. We are already very much looking forward to this joint major event.

Best regards
Axel Harlos
1st Chairman

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