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Dear Board of Directors and GNA Members,

The old discussion about forming a new VDD Group(s) has continued to arise in the election year rhetoric. As so much misinformation swirls around, I thought it was important to get specific supporting communication from our VDD Chairman, Dirk Frhr. v. Eller-Eberstein. He is restating exactly what he has told me on three different occasions since 2012-No new groups in Germany or in the US.

It is clear from Dirk's letter that people from GNA have been communicating directly and indirectly with our counter parts in Germany. VDD has heard about the serious accusations about my character and personal integrity from both original and secondary sources. This is unfounded and has become highly inappropriate. VDD will be acting on these matters and also on the complaint regarding Mr. Hicks. The behavior of these individuals does not help the GNA membership, demonstrate respect for our wonderful Drahthaar, or support our mission here in the US. We are fortunate to have a very strong supportive relationship with the VDD Executive Board. This relationship is important for our future with VDD.

I have attempted to clarify the facts with members on these topics and others but several members refuse to listen and or accept what has been reported by me. I expect that there will be future statements from the VDD Executive Board to clarify the misinformation, misstatements, and outright lies that have been made in an attempt to discredit what has been done and reported to the membership by way of the misinformation and social media. It is an obvious attempt to derail what VDD-GNA has been successful in accomplishing to support our membership and promote our breed.

My job is to serve you and to lead by keeping my eye on what's important- efficiently managing our day to day GNA business plus promoting the **Breeding, Training, Testing**, and most importantly the **Hunting** of what I consider to be the premier versatile hunting dog in the world- the Deutsch-Drahthaar.

Waidmannsheil,



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Members of GNA

It has come to my attention that several GNA members have re-started the discussion on forming a second DD Group in America.

In these discussion, so I was told, one of the contentions is that the GNA Chairman does not support such a formation; quite the opposite, that he supposedly attempts to stop this move through several official channels.

These statements are not true.

Neither the VDD Board nor the General Board will support the formation of new groups. This applies to Germany as well as to the US and Canada. Our present concept fully satisfies the needs and ensures a continuous direction.

It is apparent from the discussions that some GNA members do not make the necessary distinction between the formation of a new group and that of associated groups in other countries (Turkey, New Zealand, Ukraine). The associated groups are not regular members and have no voting rights. This status covers the individual members of the groups as well as their chairmen. The groups are formed for one purpose only and that is to promote the DD in their countries. Each of these groups has a sponsor group in Germany. If an associated group does not properly operate, it is dissolved. We have already had this happen.

GNA is one of the most successful groups within VDD. It has managed to progress further yet under the leadership of the present chairman. We all have to see to it that this continues. If we stay the course, I won't worry about the future of the DD in the USA.

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