

# DOBERMANN CLUB OF THE CAPE

*In conjunction with*  
Cape Bullmastiff Club, Western Province Boxer Club

## APTITUDE TEST

**Date:** 09/10<sup>th</sup> May 2015 (Sat & Sun)  
**Closing Date:** 24<sup>th</sup> April 2015  
**Time:** 08h00 each day. Allow approx 45 mins per dog  
**Venue:** To be advised  
**Cost:** R250.00 per dog  
**Test Leaders:** Mr Mike Eisler KZN & Mrs E Gallant (KZN)  
**Judges:** Mrs Marlien Heystek, Mr Selvin Lewis & Ms Lulu Maree  
**Marshalls:** Ms Lynn Etheridge, Mr Barry-Jon Kannemeyer,  
Ms Michelle Martin & Ms Nicky Robertson

**Minimum Age at time of Testing:** Aptitude – 22 Months on day of test  
D.M.A – 12 Months on day of test

Only dogs in good health will be tested. No bitches in season permitted

Aptitude Testing is essentially for Working Breeds, but can include some Hunting, Herding or Utility Breeds should any fanciers desire it. It tests steadiness of character, hunting drive, sociability, the ability to unwind rapidly after stressful situations etc.

This test was developed by the Swedish military. At present it is widely used in Scandinavian countries for pet animals too and has been approved by KUSA as a mental testing method.

Training is non-important, and dogs could be either trained or non-trained, as it simply reacts to a variety of stimuli, such as a mechanical rabbit, noises, shapes or creatures. The dog is put under some mental, but no physical stress between exercises; the dog is allowed to unwind totally before commencement of the next exercise.

Although it is a non-mandatory test, the successful animal will receive a title, which will appear on their KUSA Reg. Certificates. It is a useful medium for discovering the mental make-up of one's breed or pets and can be of great use in any breeding programme.

**Entries & Enquiries to:** Ms F la Grange, 52 Rembrandt Avenue, De la Haye, Bellville, 7530  
Tel: 083 679 5811 (a/h), Fax: 086 514 7661, Email: [dobecapers@gmail.com](mailto:dobecapers@gmail.com)

**Entries on a KUSA form please. Please indicate Day & time of choice.**

Payment may be made directly into our bank account and proof of entry to be faxed

**Bank details: FNB (Thibault Square) Branch Code: 202509, Account Number: 54620027019.**  
(Please add R16.00 to each cash deposit to cover bank charges)

Please note: entrants should arrive at least 1 hour before their test to watch the tests. (All are welcome to stay for the whole day).

### **DO NOT FEED YOUR DOGS 24 HRS PRIOR TO THE TEST**

Refreshments will be available but do bring chairs and water for your dogs.

**NB** No movement or leaving of the grounds during the test is allowed. Once started no one may leave the actual test area at all. No dogs are to be exercised or run off lead or loose during the tests.

**NB** All exhibitors /handlers are personally responsible for the control of their dogs at all times and shall be personally liable for any claims which may be made in respect of injuries which may arise or be caused by their dogs

**NB** In the event of the non-availability of any test leader/judge/marshall the club to appoint another.

**Club Officers: Chairman – F la Grange, Hon Sec – A O'Leary, Treasurer – B Townes**