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Abby says: "Mine, ALL mine...."



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From the Editor

Hello Everybody

A few years ago a club member complained that Scraps contained too many photographs and too few articles. I gave this some serious thought, but then decided that I disagreed.

To me it seems that the main purpose of a club newsletter such as Scraps is to provide information about and to report on club activities. And what better way to provide our members with a feel for what goes on at the activities and events organised by the club than to publish photographs taken there? One can only hope that it might tempt more members to join in with their Boxers.

When Tana Swanepoel and Rene Erasmus joined WPBC with their pup Tyson, the temptation to "say it with pictures" immediately increased ten-fold. As a keen and active new committee member, Rene is present at most of our functions and gatherings, often accompanied by Tana. One of the fortunate by-products of this is the exceptional images that have recently started appearing in Scraps—LOTS of them!

Thank you, you two, for happily sharing the results of your passion for action photography with WPBC and its members. I for one is extremely grateful.

Of course that does not mean that we would not like to also receive anecdotes and pictures of your Boxers from you to publish in Scraps!

Marlien Heystek, Editor

WHAT'S ON?

calendar of events

DATE	CLUB	TYPE	EVENTS	CONTACT
SEPTEMBER				
3	Queenstown KC	CH	BR, HCL, AG, CA	045 838 2962
4	Grahamstown KC	CH	BR, HCL, AG, CA	045 838 2962
11	Breede Rivier Vallei KC	Open	BR, OB, DJ, AG, FLY	082 824 1422
OCTOBER				
2	Overberg KC	Open	BR, HCL	082 786 5323
2	Whale Coast KC	Open	BR, HCL	028 316 3382
2	WPBC	CH	AG, DJ, OB, FLY, CGC	083 925 4350
8	Boxer Club Gold Reef	CH	BOXER SPECIALTY	082 749 3275
15	Breede Rivier Vallei KC	CH	BR, HCL, OB, DJ, AG, FLY	082 824 1422
16	Cape Town KC	CH	BR, HCL	082 649 9229
16	WPBC	CH	BOXER SPECIALTY	082 789 2919
18/19	Cape FCI	CACIB	BR	083 925 4350
21	Cape Working & Herding	CH	BR, OB, DJ, AG, FLY	076 170 7218
22	Hottentots Holland KC	CH	BR, HCL, DJ	082 521 4374
23	Western Province KC	CH	BR, HCL	083 253 0266

TRAINING - ALL BREEDS

adults and puppies



Held on Sundays (08:45—12:00) at
Cannon's Creek Hobbies Hall
Nursery Way, off Princess Path,
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After several years of relative inactivity, WPBC's Sunday Training is once again going very strong. This is due mainly to the enthusiasm, commitment and consummate skills of Casey Ward.

She now instructs a number of very keen handlers with various breeds, divided into 3 groups:

08:45 – Beginners

10:00 – Intermediate

11:00 – Advanced

If you would like your Boxer to also become a well-mannered and easy-to-live with family member, come and join in on Sunday mornings in Pinelands.

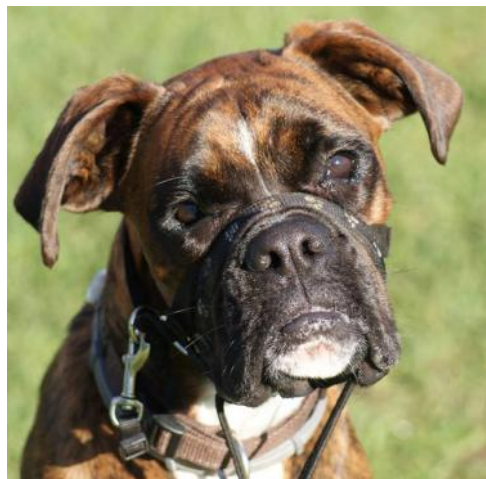
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All images by Tana Swanepoel and Rene Erasmus



CASEY'S CORNER
Training



Introducing Cooper, author of our new blog:

Cooper's Capers

So mom (my slave) rescued me on the 1st of April 2015. She should have known then what an adventure it would be *gives a cheeky grin*.



Jordan and Me

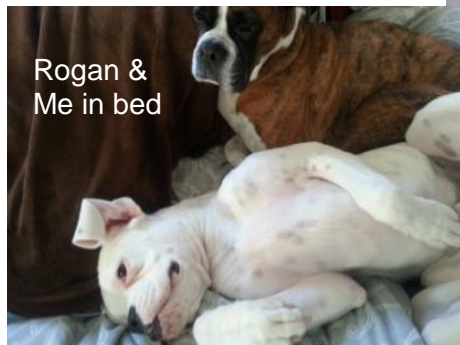
My brother (Jordan) and I were 6 months old and looking for new homes because we weren't getting enough attention and destroying everything. New mom collected me in the evening and it was way fun but also scary at times because I didn't have much experience with the outside world so I barked at the cars and people and all the noises.

I was taken home and met 2 grumpy older boxers who didn't really want me there. Mom put me in a ginormous crate at night or when she went out, she said it was to keep me safe but I know it was to keep her furniture and garden in one piece.

I was only meant to stay for 2 weeks until I went to my new home in Gauteng but that family found a boxer on Gumtree, so I behaved really really well and even helped the police catch someone trying to break into the house that same week, so mom decided to keep me. I only slept in the crate for 2



Me Rogan Tara



Rogan & Me in bed

nights until peace was made with Grumpy Tara and Grumpy Rogan, now I get to sleep on moms bed with Rogan (she did give me my own bed on the floor...that lasted one night) while Tara sleeps on her couch. I think I landed with my bum in the butter ☺

Mom started taking me on walks to different places to meet people and other dogs, some dogs look so funny I tell you, hairy ones, fat ones, short ones. I had only ever really known boxers. Not all dogs like me because I'm so much fun and just want to play, they are often like those 2 grumpies I live with at home. It's very important to socialise with other dogs and humans and even little humans from baby puppy but I missed out on all that, so mom is surprised I have ended up as friendly as I am. Mom even took me to training, I had to learn all these new things, but got loads of yummy treats and got to play



with all sorts of toys and go on a fun puppy agility course where I learnt to walk on different surfaces and go through tunnels and up and down ramps. Oh and there's this great shop there full of yummy chewies and toys,

I try to do some retail therapy on my own every Saturday but always get caught.

It hasn't all been fun and games though, mom took me to the vet...yip...I got the snip. I don't know why though but mom did say I had to if I was going to live with the grumpy Rogan.

I did get her back though, got hold of the doggy doorstep and tried to give it the snip too. I dare say mom wasn't impressed, can't repeat what she said, but I gave her such a cute look that I was put in my crate with a yummy treat while she cleaned up the mess. I've done that to a few of my beds





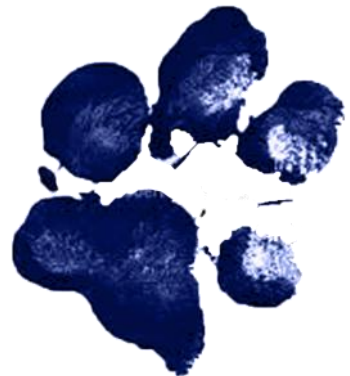
With Door Stop

as well, they just exploded, I promise you!

Anyway I'm off to bed now, exhausted after keeping mom busy all day, bringing in tree bark and pine cones and taking them apart bit by bit then watching mom clean up is loads of fun, repeat the process as often as desired...plenty pine cones in the fireplace. ☺

Until next time! Have fun and don't forget to get your humans out and about in the fresh air. Two walks a day means less destruction at home...and if that's not the case, blame the grumpy oldies or the cat! ☺

COOPER



Obituary

BERIT DAVIS

compiled by
Marlien Heystek

On the 9th May this year Ken, Jacquie and I received this email message from our President Doreen Powell:

Very sad news. Berit Davis passed away this morning. In the dog world Berit was an unforgettable person who fought for the underdog, especially the Boxer. She trained her rescue dog 'Freddie' to qualify in Class C. She trained her son's cross Dane to Class B.

Berit was one of the few people who only saw good in a person. Much which we lack today.

It was Ken's sad duty to then inform the WPBC committee and membership:

It is with a heavy heart and tears in my eyes that I have to inform you that Berit Davis passed away this morning. I know that most of the new members on the committee may not have heard of Berit, but she was a very special contributor to the club over many years. Berit was the club secretary when I first joined the committee back in 1985.

She has remained supportive and still attended the AGM right up until a few years ago.

As she was always concerned with Boxer welfare in life, she has requested no flowers, but that donations be made to Boxer Rescue at the Western Province Boxer Club.

We will all miss her cheerfulness, kindness and presence at Boxer events.

There was a good turnout of club members at her memorial service. One of her close relatives told the gathering that shortly before her death, Berit said to him:

About this heaven business - do you think my Boxers will be there as well? If not, I don't think I want to go there. But what if they fight?!

I decided to browse through the club's Scraps archives – 4 hefty boxfiles – to see what I could garner about Berit and her involvement with the club and with boxers. In the end what I came across was far too much to include in a tribute such as this, so I have tried to use just enough to afford our members a glimpse. An article by Barbara Cook (past editor of Scraps) in the March 1999 issue helped by providing me with a good overview of Berit's life with Boxers.

In 1975 when their old mixed breed died, Berit and Claude Davis decided to get a Boxer and "Smash", (*Micklehan Fire Dancer*) bred by Nan Boor, joined the family. When Smash was old enough Berit joined George Crighton's obedience

classes and before long she joined WPBC's committee as secretary. Smash's name started appearing in the show results published in Scraps and he eventually became *Ch Mickleham Fire Dancer*. In 1979 a bitch puppy "Muppet" (*Fingarrie Toscanella*) also joined the family. Results published in the May 1981 issue of Scraps informed readers that Smash and Muppet had been placed second and third in the open class of an obedience competition judged by Doreen Powell. Muppet not only excelled at obedience, scoring 96% in Class A, but she also gained her Aptitude qualification and became a breed champion. Berit always firmly believed that the Boxer should not only be beautiful, but should also exhibit the working ability for which the breed has been renowned from the very early days.

Muppet had three litters and Berit and Claude kept a brindle bitch puppy from the last. Their kennel name "Fleur du Cap" now started appearing in the show results. *Fleur du Cap Cara* was successfully shown, winning her champion title and several Best of Breeds at championship shows, as well as the Working Group at Liesbeek KC in 1988. She did not much enjoy obedience but gained her Aptitude qualification with a very good score.

A puppy from Cara's first litter, *Fleur du Cap Rosita*, went to Berit's sister in Switzerland. Whilst visiting them, Berit handled Rosie at a championship show in Monte Carlo, winning the Junior Class with an "Excellent" grading. On her return from Geneva she published the following observations in Scraps (Winter 1991):

A VISIT TO GENEVA BOXER CLUB TRAINING CLASSES

by Berit Davis

During my recent visit to Geneva I spent a super afternoon watching the training at this club.

My sister is a member, having first trained her S.A. born Boxer Rhodes there 12 years ago, and is now training her new S.A. born puppy Fleur du Cap Rosita, daughter of Cara and Cassius. What a lovely club this is! A few acres of grass, beautiful trees all round and a nice clubhouse for their functions.

But it was their training that was the most impressive. I have not seen Boxers working as happily as this. They were precise in their work, they were keen to please. Although the training was strict there was whole more encouragement given to the dogs. Between exercises the dogs were allowed to jump around and to play with their

trainers. The puppies and young dogs learned the recall by playing "hide and seek" games. The classes finished with pre-attack exercises and jumping over easy jumps; all great fun and the dogs had all had such a super time they looked forward to their next lesson!

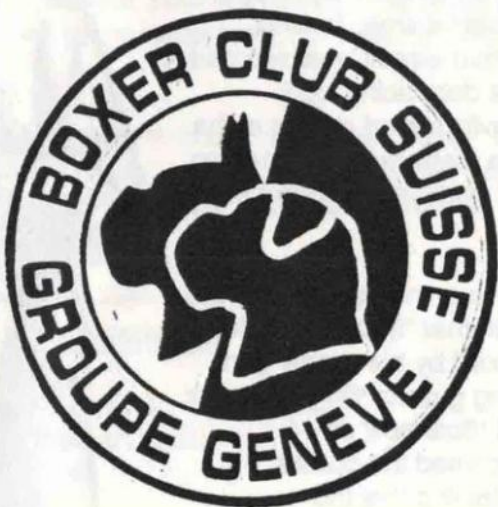
I was also lucky enough to meet 2 of the 3 Boxers belonging to the Swiss Earthquake Rescue Team. This team of dogs that are on stand-by to fly anywhere in the world to help rescue people buried under rubble after an earthquake. Boxers are ideally suitable for this work as they are very agile and their sense of smell very good. One of the Boxers I met this afternoon was a nine year old brindle male. He had been on many rescue missions with his trainer and is still a very fit dog and keen worker.

The Geneva Boxer Club is mainly a training club. Their interest is to produce a well behaved dog of good type and temperament. The health of the dogs is of great importance. No one is allowed to breed from a dog or bitch who has not passed a temperament test and is also free from hip dysplasia.

There was very little interest in the showing scene. I got the distinct impression that they rather looked down on the people who showed their dogs.

Everyone was very friendly and I wished my French had been a bit better. I was given a Geneva Boxer Club car sticker and we have sent them a Western Province Boxer Club badge.

I look forward to my next visit to Geneva when I hope Rosita will be ready to take part in some competitive Obedience. Maybe she will take after her granny Muppet and do our W.P. Boxers proud.



Berit handling Charlie



Berit next imported a flashy brindle male from Sweden: "Charlie": (*Marikarlos Presents a Swedish Tiger*). She saw and really liked his sire at a show whilst on holiday in Sweden (her home country). A year later she ordered a male puppy by telephone from the breeder and was sent a really beautiful boy who was soon winning in the show ring and was a champion by the time he turned two. He also made steady progress in the obedience ring, eventually qualifying in Class C.

In later years some rescue Boxers followed, including "Freddie" (*Sir Digalot of Fleur du Cap*) - read more about him in Jennifer Neish's tribute to Berit) and Jay, a red bitch that she showed as a "token entry" at our

2014 Trophy Show, where she was awarded "Best Red Coat".

But I will let tributes received from Jennifer Neish and some other members tell you more about the place Berit occupied in the hearts of so many Boxer people:

Jennifer Neish:

What terribly sad news!

I have the fondest memories of her. She always spoke in her lilting Swedish accent with a smile in both her voice and her eyes. I will always remember Berit adopting Freddie when he needed a new home, as he was so darn naughty and was known to be destructive. When I asked her why she had adopted a dog whom she knew was going to be difficult, her response was "*because I knew nobody else would take him or if they did take him,*



Berit and Jay

they wouldn't keep him." True to expectation, Freddie immediately chewed through all their irrigation, amongst many other transgressions. Yet he did so well in obedience – Berit really got the best out of him. Perhaps he felt she was the first person to love him, in spite of all his misdemeanours. (*Freddie became a breed champion and managed to win Class B at a KA show and thereafter he qualified in Class C. He was even WPBC Obedience Dog of the Year in 2010 – Ed*)

I also remember the time she acceded to the request of Suzanne Kersten and promised her that she would allow her Swedish import Charlie (another terror – remember how he and Jonty Joynt hated each other, how he rolled Jonty over and urinated all over him? After that, it was all-out war between them for the rest of their lives) - to cover Suzanne's non KUSA registered girl Nicky if they came first in obedience – and they did. So the mating went ahead – to the horror of most of the Club's breeders. It was successful and produced lovely puppies. Berit was a fair woman who kept her word.

Both Ali's and my first thought on reading the sad news of her death this evening was "*Oh my gosh, how will Claude manage without Berit?*" She was always leaving every club event early, whether an AGM, a Christmas party or any other function before the eating began as "*Claude is waiting for me. He will be wanting his lunch / dinner.*" Ali and I were aghast that in this day and age, she was such an "unliberated" woman. We'd stutter in indignation "*...but can't you leave food out for Claude and he can serve himself when he wants to eat?*" Apparently, that was not an option. She was a devoted wife, even though I think he tried her patience – as most husbands do I imagine – at times. Not that Claude is not a lovely gentleman, as he is - impeccably polite and a wonderful, willing and friendly guide on our many walks in Silver Mine. He was however not popular with Berit when Freddie was attacked by two dogs on one of their walks in Tokai Forest whilst she was overseas – and tragically lost an eye. Not that Freddie didn't recover well and manage fine with only one eye. Berit said with ill concealed disapproval "*This would **never** have happened if I had been walking with them, as I would not have **allowed** him to continue walking towards those horrible dogs. I would have immediately turned around and walked **away** from them!*" But she forgave Claude.

I remember how kind she was in giving Moira and Roy Joynt lifts to every club occasion, when they stopped driving. Not so long ago, she was telling me about a roll of frozen food that her dogs liked, which she thought I should try when I asked for her advice, saying that we can't get our present Boxer Daisy's ribs covered, even though she eats well. Berit was always interested, charming and willing to give of her extensive knowledge and experience of Boxers. When we joined the Boxer Club in 1990, I recall her being a major force in the Club's activities, along with Anke Meinert and Prim and George Crichton. She must have served on the W P Boxer Club committee for at least two decades? (*Berit was secretary of WPBC from soon after 1975 until 1987 when Margaret McCallum took over – Ed*)

Whenever I think longingly of the rare Boxer that has lived to an age surpassing most, I recall Berit's Jo-Jo and Anke's Topsy, both of whom reached the age of 14. How envious I was and admiring of the way they had brought their Boxers up to achieve such longevity.

Our hearts go out to Claude and to their daughters overseas – and to their dogs. I'm not sure that they have any Boxers at present? We too had the utmost respect and affection for her. She was a seasoned breeder and exhibitor of Boxers and excelled in these fields for many decades – but never did she show the slightest hint of snobbishness or superiority over other Boxer owners. More than for trophies or accolades, she loved her Boxers for themselves. Berit was truly a woman of worth, one who showed affection, interest, respect and tolerance to all. She will be greatly missed by all who were privileged to know her and call her their friend.

Jo Strauss:

I got my very first Boxer from Berit Davis, a kind, caring and knowledgeable person. The little pup cried so much that we called her Donna (La Donna e mobile). Donna's first show in Prim Crighton's grounds did not turn out well. We were stone last. She was red with beautiful white markings and was used in many fashion shoots, most of them on Noordhoek beach. When Donna died, I replaced her with a brindle pup, sired by Berit's import. RIP Berit.

Chris and Mike Brown:

Mike and I were very sad to hear of Berit's passing. Thank you for letting us know.

Serena Carstens:

She was the most beautiful woman. I am absolutely heart-broken. I am going to miss her. Condolences to Claude. xx

Dawn Hull:

Can't believe she is gone. So sad. I think Berit was my first contact with the Western Province Boxer Club. Such a lovely person.

Jacqui Verrinder:

Berit was a true lady. She gave me one of my most treasured Boxer gifts, Frau Stockmann's book "My Life With Boxers", for helping her show her Freddie. RIP Berit..



Berit and Serena
at WPBC's 60th Anniversary Show, 17th October 2012

Aptitude Tests & Dog Mentality Assessments

07/08 May 2016

Bellevue Farm, Stellenbosch

This year the annual Aptitude Tests and Dog Mentality Assessments were hosted by Western Province Boxer Club and were held in conjunction with the Dobermann Club of the Cape, the Western Province Rottweiler Club and the Cape Bullmastiff Club.

The entry of 16 dogs as usual represented a variety of breeds and included 3 Boxers, 1 Bullmastiff, 1 Dobermann and 1 Giant Schnauzer entered in DMA and 1 Boxer, 2 Dobermanns, 1 Flat Coated Retriever, 1 German Shepherd, 1 Giant Schnauzer, 1 Great Dane and 3 Rottweilers entered in Aptitude.

Of these all 6 the dogs entered in DMA passed and 8 of the 10 entered in Aptitude also qualified.

The star of the day was Ch MANITOKA APHRODITE (Zara, owned by Alice and Jacqui) who didn't put a paw wrong, qualifying with a score of 200 to be awarded the qualification Aptitude EXCELLENT.



Zara and Ghost



Zara and Soldiers



Zara and Sledge

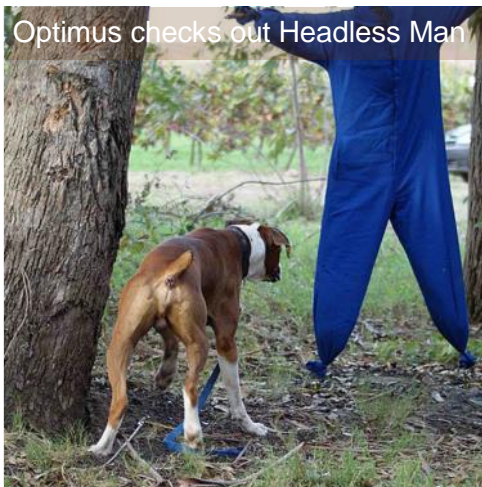
The three youngsters who did DMA however also did us very proud, all passing with good scores. Well done COOPER (owned by Michelle Martin), DONANTE CAESAR (Optimus, owned by Lucian Rolleston) and ILRUCA THE DUKE OF LEIASLAIR (Duke, owned by Renate Vorster).

Thank you Rene Erasmus for the STUNNING images!

Optimus investigates Small Rabbit



Optimus checks out Headless Man



Optimus hears Sudden Noise



Optimus meets Ghost



Optimus on his way...





Duke tugs with Test Leader



Cooper - This is MINE!

Mike - Come and play!



Cooper - OK! Here I am!



Cooper brings Rabbit



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WPBC INFORMATION: MEMBERSHIP



THE OBJECTS OF THE CLUB ARE:

- to promote, encourage, foster and advance the breeding, well-being of and interest in the Boxer breed;
- to observe and adhere to the breed standard of the Boxer as adopted from time to time by KUSA;
- to organise and hold shows (including match meetings) in breed, obedience, working trials and other dog activities recognised by KUSA including training for any or all of these activities;
- to promote a better understanding of dogs and a wider knowledge of dogs and dog affairs and to promote goodwill both among people interested in dogs and towards dogs and people interested in dogs.

THERE ARE FIVE CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP:

- **Honorary Life Members** are persons nominated by the unanimous vote of the Committee and subsequently elected at the next Annual General Meeting of the Club by a TWO-THIRDS majority of members present and entitled to vote. Persons nominated for honorary life membership are those considered worthy of special recognition for services to the Club, to dog affairs or for an outstanding achievement in connection with dogs. An honorary life member enjoys the full privileges of membership, free of entrance fee and subscription and is entitled to vote as an ordinary member.
- **Ordinary members** are members over 18 years of age who are not otherwise defined in this section. An ordinary member is entitled to vote at all general meetings of the Club. **Subscription: R80-00 p.a.**
- **Family Members** comprise husband, wife and children not over the age of 18 years. The husband and wife are both entitled to vote as ordinary members but the children have no vote. **Subscription: R100-00 p.a.**
- **Junior Members** are persons not included in a family membership, who are under the age of 18 years. Upon their eighteenth birthday and on payment of any change in subscription, such members assume another appropriate class of membership. Junior members are not entitled to vote. **Subscription: R30-00 p.a.**
- **A Litter Member** is a person who, upon purchasing a Boxer puppy bred by a paid up member of any class, is introduced as a member by the breeder. The breeder pays a Litter Membership Subscription for each new member thus registered. Litter Members over the age of 18 years shall be entitled to vote as ordinary members. Litter membership will, on the 1st day of January in each year, be converted to another appropriate class of membership. **Subscription: R50-00**

WPBC INFORMATION: SHOWS AND SHOWING



BREED SHOWS

These are competitions where each dog entered is judged against the parameters of the idealized version of its breed. In other words, when the judge looks at a Boxer, he/she compares it to a written standard of the ideal Boxer. The standard addresses various body parts and attributes and the judge will evaluate things such as balance, outline, how different parts of the dog conform with each other, attitude, the size and shape of the head, eye colour and shape, ear shape, size and placement, teeth and bite, coat texture and



colour and the way the dog moves. The judge then places the dogs in order of merit (in his/her opinion). In other words, the judge first compares the dogs in each class to the breed standard and then to each other. The dog that the judge thinks matches the criteria for its breed the best wins the competition. The purpose for which the breed was developed, determines the criteria incorporated in the standard. Or it is supposed to...

TYPES OF BREED SHOWS

Championship shows

These are usually annual events hosted by dog clubs and can be for all breeds, a specific group (eg terriers), or for one breed only (called a Specialty). Entries must be submitted and entry fees paid to the club secretaries by the advertised closing date before the show. Only registered dogs are accepted, and transfer of ownership must have been completed.

At championship shows points towards a dog's championship are awarded by means of Challenge Certificates. Judges at championship shows have to be qualified and appear on the official list of championship show judges. Many clubs try to bring out overseas judges - at great expense - which usually serves as a great draw card. The age limit for puppies at breed shows is four months.

Non-Championship shows

Clubs host one or two non-championship (open) shows a year in addition to the championship show. There are no championship points on offer at these shows. They are typically smaller, more informal events and there is no need to enter weeks in advance - you simply enter on the day of the show. Only the barest details are required on the entry form, so you can enter an unregistered dog, as long as it is purebred. Open shows are often used as a training ground for championship shows - novice handlers, new dogs, puppies, and learner



judges all 'cut their teeth' at this type of show. Everyone is extremely helpful and tolerant towards novices and you won't find it difficult to pick up lots of advice.

(Source: http://www.showdogs.co.za/beginners/05_types_of_shows.htm)

WPBC SPECIALTIES

Trophy Show



In March every year our club organises an Open Show, normally held at our usual lovely venue in Pinelands.

It is a relaxed, fun event and ideal for you and your young Boxer to discover the ins and outs of dog shows.

Championship Show

October is show time in the Western Cape. Four of the All-Breed Clubs - Breede Rivier Vallei KC, Cape Town KC, Hottentots Holland KC and Western Province KC - have their championship shows and so does the Working and Herding Breeds Club of the Cape. The Cape FCI CACIB show

is also held then. And of course, so is the annual WPBC championship show. This year we invited a Boxer specialist from Sweden to judge our show and we are counting on our members to support our show with a bumper entry. More information on our judge on the following page. All of this means that there will be 6 CCs and a CACIB, all under overseas judges, up for grabs for Boxers.

There are other ways in which you could help us - a donation of some small articles for the exhibitors' "goody bags" perhaps, or an advert in our show catalogue?

OUR CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW JUDGE
LINDA NÄSLUND
SWEDEN

Linda was born in 1974 in the mid north of Sweden. Her parents started to breed Boxers in 1980 and Linda became a very successful junior handler. She represented Sweden at several competitions in England.

In 1992 Linda's first Boxer litter was born and registered under the prefix *Handler's*. In that litter *Nordic Ch Korad Handler's High on Life* was born. He later came to be the CC record holder in Sweden. This record was then beaten by world famous *Ch Ringside's Chanel*, but he still has the male CC record.

Linda has been fortunate to win Top Boxer in Sweden on several occasions, with the most memorable win being in 2006 when both number one and two were owned and bred by Linda (*Ch Sv-04 Handler's Princess of Sweden* and *Ch Korad Lp1 Sv-04 Handler's Last Revelation*). *Princess of Sweden* was also the first long-tailed Boxer to ever be placed at Crufts dog show in England. Although her breeding activities are

limited, with a maximum of one litter per year, she has bred champions of all the Nordic countries. Linda and one of her UK imports won BIS at an all breed Swedish Kennel Club show in the mid 90's and that has still not been repeated by another Boxer.

She has been involved in the Swedish Boxer Club and was President of the Mid North Boxer Club for many years, but she stepped down when her first son was born. She is an accredited FCI judge of Boxers, Giant Schnauzers & Dobermanns and made history as the youngest Swedish judge to qualify as a breed specialist in Boxers ever.



Linda has her own business and does rehabilitation and health maintenance of dogs and horses for several vet clinics in Mid North Sweden. She works with ex search and rescue dogs, police dogs, racing greyhounds and race horses.

She has judged Boxer specialty shows in Sweden, Norway, Finland, England, Brazil and Australia. She also had the honour of judging the Junior Handling finals in Sweden in 2011, selecting the Swedish representative for Crufts.

Due to her work Linda has not had time to qualify as a judge for many breeds, but is now authorized to award CC's to the following breeds: Dobermann, Dutch Shepherd Dog (all varieties), Giant Schnauzer (all colours), Chodský pes, Cane Corso, Briard, Beauce Shepherd and Picardy Sheepdog.

Learn how to show your Boxer

RINGCRAFT TRAINING

Remember, October is just around the corner, when our club has its championship show and the Cape show scene explodes with no fewer than SIX championship challenge certificates for Boxers available between two consecutive weekends.

If you would like to learn more about also using the techniques some of our club's top handlers use to get their dogs to look like a million

dollars in the show ring, don't miss the WPBC ring craft training classes now on offer on Sundays at 10:00 at our training grounds (Hobbies Hall, Cannons Creek School, corner Nursery Way & Princess Path, Pinelands).



Verrinder and Michelle Martin will soon have you and your dog strutting your stuff like true pro's.

If you are interested, please contact Rene Erasmus at 082 787 4740 or rene.erasmus@mweb.co.za for more information and to reserve your place.

You will need a dog on a lead and a big bag of small soft easy-to-swallow treats that your dog really likes (such as bits of cheese, biltong, chicken or cooked liver - not his normal pellets). If your dog is very toy focused, bring along his favourite toy as well.



DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY!

2016 KUSA National Working Dog



Dream Team

BIS BISS BJIS BPIS Ch MANITOKA APHRODITE
APT Ex

Owned by Alice Rossouw and Jacqui Verrinder

Handled by Jacqui

Natal Working & Herding - BIS



Zara is currently ranked 7th on the 2017 KUSA Showdog of the Year points table which runs from 1 June – 31 May each year

Once in a blue moon—not very often—a star is born. That extra special puppy that grows up to have true star quality - oozing confidence and attitude, energy, perfect balance, correct breed type, conformation, and movement. And most important, the ideal breeder, owners and handler.

Zara was such a puppy. (Naughty, mind you...)

Latest achievements:

Natal Working & Herding - BIS

Highway KC – Group 2

Natal Coast K C – Group 1

KUSA Nationals – 2016 National Working Dog

George KC – Group 1 BIS 3

Outeniqua KC – Group 1 BIS 3

Swartland KC – Group 3

West Coast KC – Group 2

CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW RESULTS

GEORGE KC CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW 11 JUNE 2016 JUDGE: Mr JOHN WARREN (EC)

CLASS	DOGS		OWNER
OPEN	1 st	Ilruca the Duke of Leiaslair	Renate Vorster
VETERAN	1 st	Ch Ancory Surfin USA	Tammy Gilmour
CC		Ilruca the Duke of Leiaslair	Renate Vorster
CLASS	BITCHES		OWNER
MINOR PUPPY	1 st	Manitoka Avanti	Rossouw / Verrinder
OPEN	1 st	Tortuga Accolade by Jakkalsdans	Marlien Heystek
CHAMPION	1 st	Ch Manitoka Aphrodite	Rossouw / Verrinder
CC		Tortuga Accolade by Jakkalsdans	Marlien Heystek
RCC		Manitoka Avanti	Rossouw / Verrinder
BEST OF BREED WORKING GROUP 1 st BIS 3 rd		Ch Manitoka Aphrodite	Rossouw / Verrinder
RES BEST OF BREED		Tortuga Accolade by Jakkalsdans	Marlien Heystek
BEST PUPPY		Manitoka Avanti	Rossouw / Verrinder

OUTENIQUA KENNEL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW 12 JUNE 2016 JUDGE: Mr JAN VAN RYSWYK (WC)

CLASS	DOGS		OWNER
OPEN	1 st	Ilruca the Duke of Leiaslair	Renate Vorster
VETERAN	1 st	Ch Ancory Surfin USA	Tammy Gilmour
CC		Ilruca the Duke of Leiaslair	Renate Vorster
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PLEASE NOTE:

SHOW RESULTS PUBLISHED IN SCRAPS

The committee recently took a decision that only the results of the championship shows counting towards the WPBC Dog of the Year and other annual awards, as well as the W Cape Top Dog award will be automatically published in SCRAPS. These are:

- Kennel Association championship show
- Liesbeek KC championship show
- George KC championship show
- Outeniqua KC championship show
- Swartland KC championship show
- West Coast championship show
- Breede Rivier Vallei KC championship show
- Cape Town KC championship show
- Cape Working and Herding Breeds championship show
- Hottentots Holland KC championship show
- Western Province KC championship show
- Western Province Boxer Club championship show

Once the Whale Coast KC and Overberg KC have qualified to host championship shows, they will be added to this list.

All other show results and photos provided by owners will of course also be published.

Marlien Heystek, SCRAPS Editor

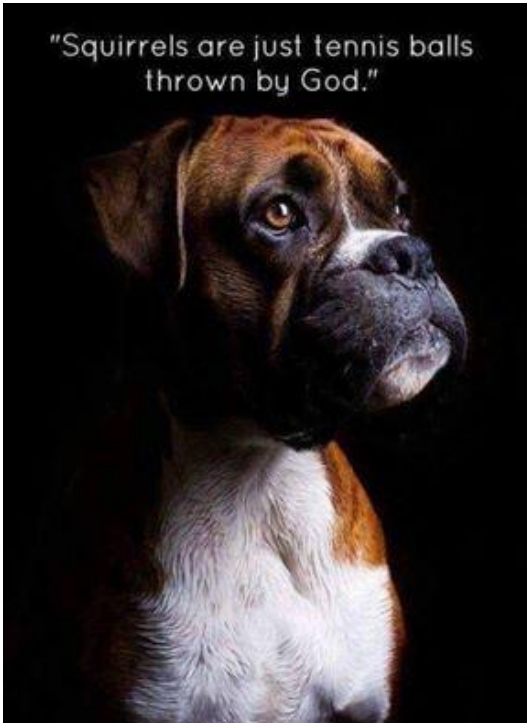


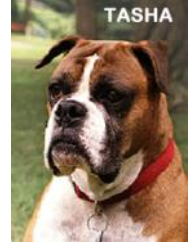
Photo submitted by Leif Eriksen

History of our research:

Our journey started back in 2005 when we completed the dog genome with the help of a purebred boxer named Tasha. After the completion of the dog genome we developed tools and strategies for disease gene mapping and made these available to researchers across the world. Now we perform disease gene mapping with the purpose of helping both dogs and their human companions to a healthier life.

BROAD Biomedical Research Institute

GENETIC RESEARCH: CANINE DISEASES



Initially we focused on finding genes for simple traits with clear characteristics to be able to prove that our methodology worked. Some of these include coat color in the boxer, the presence of the ridge in the Rhodesian ridgeback, and hairlessness in Chinese crested dogs. We then moved to diseases where one, or a few, genes could be expected to underlie the disease. We discovered mutations resulting in arrhythmic right ventricular cardiomyopathy in boxers, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis in the Pembroke Welsh corgi and several other breeds, brittle bone (oste imperfecta) and day blindness in dachshunds, and a neurodegenerative disorder called neuronal ceroid-lipofuscinosis (NCL) in Tibetan terriers. The most complicated of these was familial Shar-Pei fever (FSF), a periodic fever disease linked with chronic inflammation and kidney failure and caused by mutation present in many copies in some dogs and located some distance from the hyaluronic acid synthetase 2 gene. For many of these disorders, these discoveries have led to the identification of mutations in the same genes in people.

For a real challenge we then set out to find the genetic mutations for complex diseases such as cancer, epilepsy and inflammatory disorders. Our proof of principle study included finding five risk loci for a systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE)- like disease in Nova Scotia duck tolling retrievers. These genes point to a pathway involved in activating T cells in the immune system. This pathway is now being investigated in human patients with SLE.

Why is it easy to find disease genes in dogs?

Domesticated dogs split from their wolf ancestors approximately 30,000 years ago, while most breeds were created only a few hundred years ago. In the process of breeding dogs for certain desired traits, over successive generations, many genetic mutations have inadvertently come along for the ride with undesirable side effects. This includes a genetic predisposition to many common diseases ranging from epilepsy, cancer, diabetes, and hip problems as well as more breed-specific conditions.

We use dogs to study diseases because the disease genes are much easier to find. To

find disease genes for complex diseases in humans, thousands of people and millions of genomic markers (SNPs) are needed. In dogs 20K markers and a few hundred dogs will suffice to find genes for complex diseases like cancer.

With the help of dog owners donating blood samples of their dogs - for cancers both a blood and a tumour sample is helpful - we are hoping to continue to identify these risk factors in many more diseases which will help us to understand the overall health risks for dogs and humans alike.

DISEASES THE BROAD INSTITUTE ARE CURRENTLY WORKING ON (2013)

Cancers	Immunological & Metabolic Diseases
Hemangiosarcoma	Familial Shar-Pei Fever (FSF)
Osteosarcoma (bone cancer)	Addison's disease
Lymphoma	Symmetrical Lupoid Onychodystrophy (SLO)
Mast Cell Tumors (MCT)	Atopic dermatitis
Mammary Tumors	Diabetes
Melanoma (skin cancer)	Lymphocytic thyroiditis
Glioma	Exocrine Pancreatic Insufficiency (EPI)
	Toller Diseases (SLE & SRMA)
Cardiovascular Diseases	Other
Degenerative valve disease	Dermoid sinus (DS)
Dilated Cardiomyopathy (DCM)	Juvenile Demodicosis
Neurological Disease & Behaviour	Juvenile Renal Dysplasia (JRD)
Degenerative Myelopathy (DM)	Hairlessness/Canine Ectodermal Dysplasia (CED)
Obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD)	Progressive Cone-Rod Dystrophy (PCRD)
Idiopathic epilepsy	Progressive Retinal Atrophy (PRA)
	Pseudopelade
	White coat color
	Pyometra

<http://www.broadinstitute.org/scientific-community/science/projects/mammals-models/dog/disease-research/canine-disease-research-br>

BOXER RESCUE



There has been a steady increase in the number of elderly Boxers WPBC Rescue has to help find new homes for. This is extremely worrying. Not only is it difficult to place an old dog (who often needs chronic medication for geriatric diseases), but if they are placed, they often struggle to adjust and they pine for the owners they had loved for a lifetime.

WESTERN PROVINCE BOXER RESCUE

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