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## From the Editor

Hello Everyone,

Another year has come and gone and we can look back with some satisfaction on all the doggy activities that we were able to share with our Boxers and each other — breed shows, training, obedience competitions and fun events like the club's champagne breakfast/walk and the end-of-year braai.

For me one of the high points of the year was the World of Dogs and Cats Exhibition at the Goodwood Centre in November. The club had a stand with members' posters of their Boxers on display, two super raffles, information leaflets to hand out and some goodies to sell. We met lots of Boxer enthusiasts and quite a few of them joined the club on the spot! A warm welcome to all of you - we hope you will be part of our Boxer community for many years to come. Buddy the Toyota Boxer was in attendance next door at the Toyota display and attracted a huge number of fans, who stopped to chat to us as well, often mistaking one of our "stand" Boxers for Buddy!

Here's wishing you all a very merry festive season and a wonderful 2011!

Best regards  
Marlien Heystek  
Editor





# WHAT'S ON?

## calendar of events

### W P BOXER CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Western Province Boxer Club will be held on Sunday 6th March 2011 at 10:30 am at Canon Creek Hobbies Hall, cnr Nursery Way & Princess Path, PINELANDS

### AGENDA

1. Notice convening the Meeting
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> February 2010
4. Matters arising from the Minutes
5. Chairman's Annual Report for 2010
6. Financial Report and Audited Accounts for 2010
7. Annual Reports:
  - Rescue: Ms M Martin
  - Obedience: Mr R Koning
  - Tail Docking: Mr J Kieser
  - SABOX: Ms M Heystek
8. Matters submitted by the Committee:
  - Membership Subscription:  
As the Membership of the W P Boxer Club has not been raised for many years the Committee felt it necessary for the well being of the Club to raise the Membership to:
    - Single Member R60.00
    - Family Member R75.00
    - Litter Member R40.00.This would come into effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012.
  - Election: Honorary Members
9. Matters submitted by Members
10. Election of Office Bearers:
  - Patron, President, Vice President, Life Members
  - Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary
11. Election of Committee
12. Appointment of Auditor
13. General

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# PET—FRIENDLY ACCOMMODATION

## VIOLA & OWL COTTAGES



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Each Cottage has its own private and walled garden with braai, table, chairs and loungers – 100% secure for pets.

Gated access to Pool, for owners' peace of mind.

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There is a Veterinary Clinic at the bottom of the road.

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All pets are welcome.

Pets may sleep inside – please bring your own beds and bowls.

Pets must be free of Ticks and Fleas and must be disease free – eg Kennel Cough. Pets stay FREE. No Doggie damage deposit required, but any damage incurred by pets will be charged.

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for further information and to view the  
photographs in our image gallery.



# SHOW RESULTS

## WESTERN PROVINCE BOXER CLUB Championship Show 16th October 2010

**JUDGE Ms Dawn Pilling (UK)**

CLASS	PLACE	DOG	OWNER
MINOR PUPPY	1	Daw kendale Playing Tricks	Mrs D & Mr K Hull
	2	Tortuga Jumpinjackflash at Stanwix	Mrs J Verrinder
	3	Bruno	Mrs C Barry
JUNIOR	1	Titanwolverine Red Alert	Mr & Mrs E Duggan
	2	Ancory Moonstruck	Mr C Krumm
S A BRED	1	Ch Mardusmara Aron	Mrs M Holtrop
VETERAN	1	Ch & Aus G Ch Thasrite The New Yorker	Mr J Kieser & Mr D Strachan
WORKING	1	Ch Sir Digalot of FleurduCap Apt	Mrs E B Davis
OPEN	1	Ancory Oikos	Mr D Smith
	2	Daw kendale Flashpoint	Mr R Morrison
	3	Joshua	Mr T Matthew s
	4	Blue Luna Rolex	Mr Q Campbell
CHAMPION	1	Ch Chiswick Grand Design	Mrs S Young
	2	Ch Tanyati Xhilation	Mrs M Hodgkinson
	CC	Daw kendale Playing Tricks	Mrs D & Mr K Hull
	RCC	Ch & Aus G Ch Thasrite The New Yorker	Mr J Kieser & Mr D Strachan

CLASS	PLACE	BITCH	OWNER
MINOR PUPPY	1	Daw kendale Trick or Treat	Mrs D & Mr K Hull
PUPPY	1	Tanyati Enchanting	Mrs M Hodgkinson
	2	Montala Uptown Girl	Mrs A Rossouw
JUNIOR	1	Ancory Fatal Attraction	Mr R Marais
	2	Ancory Black Pearl at Tortuga	Mr J Kieser
	3	Chiswick Irrisistible	Mrs S Young
	4	Mardusmara Sonja	Mrs C M Barry
S A BRED	1	Tortuga Divine Gift	Mr J Kieser
OPEN	1	Tortuga Cracklin Rose	Mr J Kieser & Ms T Gilmour
	2	Tortuga Ramblin Rose of Wincasley	Mr R De Kock
	3	Daw kendale Spellbound	Mrs D & Mr K Hull
	4	Ancory Living Doll	Mr J Kieser
CHAMPION	1	Ch Tanyati Broadway Debut	Mrs M Hodgkinson
	2	Ch Chiswick French Spice	Mrs S Young
	3	Ch Thasrite Charlize	Mrs F Roberts
	CC	Tortuga Cracklin Rose	Mr J Kieser & Ms T Gilmour
	RCC	Ancory Fatal Attraction	Mr R Marais
<b>BEST IN SHOW</b>		Daw kendale Playing Tricks	Mrs D & Mr K Hull
<b>RBIS</b>		Tortuga Cracklin Rose	Mr J Kieser & Ms T Gilmour

**BREEDE RIVIER VALLEI KC 16th October 2010 JUDGE: Mr R Tolson (IRELAND)**

CC Dog	Dawkendale Flashpoint	Mr R Morrison
RCC Dog	Ancory Surfin USA	Mrs M Meaker
CC Bitch	Tanyati Enchanting	Mrs M Hodgkinson
RCC Bitch	Tortuga Cracklin Rose	Kieser/Schaefer
BOB	Dawkendale Flashpoint	Mr R Morrison
RBOB	Ch Tanyati Xhilaration	Mrs M Hodgkinson
Best Puppy	Tanyati Enchanting	Mrs M Hodgkinson
Puppy Group 3rd	Tanyati Enchanting	Mrs M Hodgkinson

**CAPE TOWN KC 17th October 2010 JUDGE: Mrs P Guild (RSA)**

CC Dog	Ancory Surfin USA	Mrs M Meaker
RCC Dog	Dawkendale Flashpoint	Mr R Morrison
CC Bitch	Tortuga Cracklin Rose	Kieser/Schaefer
RCC Bitch	Montala Uptown Girl	Mr W Streak
BOB	Ch Chiswick Grand Design	Mrs S E Young
RBOB	Ancory Surfin USA	Mrs M Meaker
Best Puppy	Tortuga Jumpinjackflash at Stanwix	Mrs J Verrinder
Group 4th.	Ch Chiswick Grand Design	Mrs S E Young
Puppy Group 2nd	Tortuga Jumpinjackflash at Stanwix	Mrs J Verrinder
Junior Group 1st	Ancory Surfin USA	Mrs M Meaker

**WORKING & HERDING BREEDS CLUB OF THE CAPE 22nd October 2010 JUDGE: Mr R Fehler (CANADA)**

CC Dog	Dawkendale Flashpoint	Mr R Morrison
RCC Dog	Ancory Surfin USA	Mrs M Meaker
CC Bitch	Anchory fatal Atraction	Mrs M Meaker
RCC Bitch	Wincasley Gosh I'm Posh of Hartwell	Mrs R Truebody
BOB	Ch Chiswick Grand Design	Mrs S E Young
RBOB	Ch Tanyati Broadway Debut	Mrs M Hodgkinson
Best Puppy	Wincasley Gosh I'm Posh of Hartwell	Mrs R Truebody
Group 4th	Ch Chiswick Grand Design	Mrs S E Young

**WESTERN PROVINCE KC 23 October 2010 JUDGE: Mrs M Watson (AUSTRALIA)**

CC Dog	Titanwolverine Red Alert	Mrs E Duggan
RCC Dog	Dawkendale Flashpoint	Mr R Morrison
CC Bitch	Montala Uptown Girl	Mr W Streak
RCC Bitch	Wincasley Gosh I'm Posh of Hartwell	Mrs R Truebody
BOB	Ch Thasrite Charlize	Mrs F Roberts
RBOB	Montala Uptown Girl	Mr W Streak
Best Puppy	Montala Uptown Girl	Mr W Streak
Group 3rd	Ch Thasrite Charlize	Mrs F Roberts
Puppy Group 4th	Montala Uptown Girl	Mr W Streak
Junior Group 1st	Titanwolverine Red Alert	Mrs E Duggan

**HOTTENTOTS HOLLAND KC 24th October 2010 JUDGE: Mr R Ryrie (RSA)**

CC Dog	Dawkendale Flashpoint	Mr R Morrison
RCC Dog	Titanwolverine Red Alert	Mrs E Duggan
CC Bitch	Tortuga Cracklin Rose	Kieser/Schaefer
RCC Bitch	Tanyati Enchanting	Mrs M Hodgkinson
BOB	Ch Tanyati Xhilaration	Mrs M Hodgkinson
RBOB	Ch Chiswick Grand Design	Mrs S E Young
Best Puppy	Tanyati Enchanting	Mrs M Hodgkinson
Junior Group 1st	Titanwolverine Red Alert	Mrs E Duggan



# MORE RESULTS

## SABOX BREED ASSESSMENT HOSTED BY WP BOXER CLUB - 23/10/2010

**BREED ASSESSORS:** Doreen Powell, Monique Hodgkinson

The following Boxers were awarded the BA qualification at this survey:

BOXER	OWNER	HIPS	CONF	DISP
Ancory Oikos	Valdon Smith	C1-C1	VG	EX
Ch Chiswick French Spice	Sally Young	C1-B2	EX	EX
Chiswick Irresistible	Sally Young	B1-B1	VG	EX
Ch Sedohr's Susie CD, ITT2, APT (Ex)	Marlien Heystek	0-0	VG	EX

Congratulations to Doreen Powell, Alice Rossouw, Johan Kieser and Ken Hull  
(Boxer Specialist Judges) who are now recognised by KUSA as SABOX Boxer Breed Assessors  
and are fully qualified to officiate at SABOX Boxer Breed Assessments  
and conduct the conformation evaluation at SABOX Boxer Breed Surveys

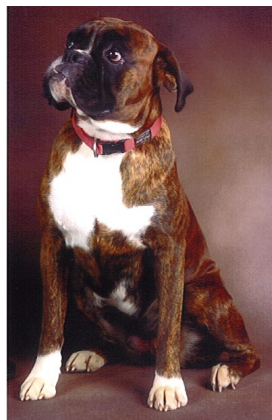
### KUSA NATIONAL BOXER 2010

In May this year Tommy Smith's beautiful brindle bitch  
CH MONTALA FORGET ME KNOT OF GENELTO (Avanti) was awarded the title  
NATIONAL BOXER FOR 2010 at the KUSA National Awards held in Johannesburg. In addition to this she had a really good year in the Breed ring, with several BOB wins and Group placements to her credit.



### FIRST BOXER TO QUALIFY FOR ADVANCED REGISTRATION

CH SEDOHR'S SUSIE (Karma) owned by Marlien Heystek became the first Boxer to fulfil all the requirements for the KUSA Advanced Registration Certificate when she was awarded the BA qualification in Cape Town in October 2010 at the age of 8½ years. In addition to being a Breed Champion, Karma has obtained a CD in Classic Working Trials, ITT2 in International Tracking Trials and achieved an "Excellent" in an Aptitude Test. She has a hip score of 0-0 and has been certified free of congenital heart defects.





## W P BOXER CLUB 2010 ANNUAL AWARDS

### AWARD BREED

### BOXER

### OWNER

BOXER OF THE YEAR	Daw kendale Flashpoint	Ronnie Morrison
RESERVE BOXER OF THE YEAR	Ch Tanyati Xhilaration	Monique Hodgkinson
SIRE OF THE YEAR	Ch Thasrite Red Bull	J Kieser/M Heystek
DAM OF THE YEAR	Daw kendale Spellbound	Daw n & Ken Hull
BREEDER OF THE YEAR	Daw kendale Boxers	Daw n & Ken Hull

### OBEDIENCE

BOXER OF THE YEAR	Ch Sir Digalot of Fleurducap	Berit Davis
MOST IMPROVED BOXER	Chrizona Tara Jade	Michelle Martin
ROOKIE OF THE YEAR	Daw kendale Chiquita	Tanis Wade



Ronnie Morrison receives the WPBC 2010 Boxer of the Year Award  
from Chairman Johan Kieser



# What a dog REALLY means - simplified for humans.

**Visitors:** Quickly determine which guest is afraid of dogs. Charge across the room, barking loudly and leap playfully on this person. If the human falls down on the floor and starts crying, lick its face and growl gently to show your concern.

**Barking:** Because you are a dog, you are expected to bark. So bark--- a lot. Your owners will be very happy to hear you protecting their house. Especially late at night while they are sleeping safely in their beds. There is no more secure feeling for a human than



to keep waking up in the middle of the night hearing your protective bark, bark, bark...

**Licking:** Always take a BIG drink from your water dish immediately before licking your human. Humans prefer clean tongues. Be ready to fetch your human a towel.

**Holes:** Rather than digging a BIG hole in the middle of the yard and upsetting your human, dig a lot of

smaller holes all over the yard so they won't notice. If you arrange a little pile of dirt on one side of each hole, maybe they'll think it's gophers. There are never enough holes in the ground. Strive daily to do your part to help correct this problem.

**Doors:** The area directly in front of a door is always reserved for the family dog to sleep.





**The Art Of Sniffing:** Humans like to be sniffed. Everywhere. It is your duty as the family dog to accommodate them.

**Dining Etiquette:** Always sit under the table at dinner, especially when there are guests, so you can clean up any food that falls on the floor. It's also a good time to practice your sniffing.

**Housebreaking:** Housebreaking is very important to humans, so break as much of the house as possible.

**Going For Walks:** Rules of the road: when out for a walk with your master or mistress, never go to the bathroom on your own lawn.

**Couches:** It is perfectly permissible to lie on the new couch after all your humans have gone to bed.

**Playing:** If you lose your footing while chasing a ball or stick, aim for the flowerbed to absorb



your fall, so you don't injure yourself.

**Chasing Cats:** When chasing cats, make sure you never---quite---catch them. It spoils all the fun.

**Chewing:** Make a contribution to the fashion industry... eat a shoe.



Submitted by Alice Rossouw



## NEWS FROM THE OVERBERG

With my last column I opened my greeting announcing the end of July, and now I have to refer to the end of the year. We all know how time catches up with us from one year to the next. The

show season has come and gone and to the ones who got that last sought after CC: well done and let's hope we see many more potential champions competing for the title next year. In the Overberg it is a delightful sight to see harvesters buzzing around like busy ants, racing around to beat the rainy weather. Rain at the wrong time for the wheat farmers can spoil the crops. Johan and Marlien must have the same noises around them this time of the year. Just like the Canola pollen gives us and our dogs hay fever and allergies, the dust from the wheat being harvested is just as irritating. If you want to do a pollen test near your kennels or house, just leave a bucket of water for a few days and see the yellow dust on the surface. You must wonder however what all this has to do with harvest time.

This time the cure is right here in our kitchens: the wonder herb and drink, namely Rooibos. How often when you go somewhere for tea, your host will ask ever so politely: "Ordinary or Rooibos?" Well, you can never go wrong with the answer "Rooibos please!" I have reared many calves, lambs and goats on Rooibos tea (without milk of course). A wonder drink with honey at times of stress with your whelping bitch and to stimulate her milk after the birth of her babies. I once had a farmer knocking on my door, offering me three new born Hereford calves. Their mothers did not have enough milk and so Dave and I were taking turns feeding them Rooibos brew with honey. Eighteen months later our neighbour who breeds cattle came to me and said "You would make any farmer rich", and my reply was "Use Rooibos tea as a drink, cold or hot for yourself and your animals."



So, with allergies, whether eye or skin, try this inexpensive herb for yourself and your animals.

Dave and myself, with my daughter and twin sons, were living on a farm in the Citrusdal area where citrus and Rooibos tea were the main crops. How wonderful it was to cut the Rooibos and make your own brew. To get all the goodness out of the herb it is best to steep it for a while. The stronger the better. I make a very nice Rooibos cream and Rooibos soap and many has tried it and swears by it. Do keep the extract in the fridge and use on cuts and stings. I feed my pot plants with a weak solution of Rooibos extract. I hope this will encourage you to try it if you have not done so before.



The Blackbergs have a new addition. Yes you are wrong! It is not a Boxer puppy but a Yorkshire Terrier puppy. She loves her gentle giant sisters and brother, in fact Mirac, our prince, is her favourite. He is so gentle with her. I will get some pictures of them for the next Scraps. By the way, I would like your support next year in the ring with her!!

We wish you all a very happy ending of this year and well over the festive season.

Until next time,  
*Rina Black*





# Letting the cat out of the bag...



I read Michelle's note in the Rescue article regarding Boxers and cats with amusement. She notes "and we all know how much Boxers love cats" end quote.

I suppose that is the rule – Boxers and cats don't go. One of my pupils was amazed that I had Boxers and a cat and called out: "You have Boxers and a cat, Mevrouw!"

The truth is we have always had cats and it never occurred to us that, because we had Boxers, we shouldn't have cats. They were just there and that was that.

We got our first Boxer in 1981 and, thinking back now, I know that we had at least two cats before he arrived and there was never a problem. We continued to have at least one cat for many years.

I remember just before we got Cracker, we for some reason had neither a cat, nor any Boxers. The house was really empty and since we had to wait another week for Cracker, we set off to the SPCA to adopt a kitten. When we arrived there, they begged us to take this adult (but quite young) ginger and white cat who was apparently so very affectionate.

When we arrived at home, we discovered that the cat bites! He then got the name, Snap. However, he only bit humans when he was fed up or felt that he had had enough affection. I must say that Cracker stayed out of Snap's way for most of the time, but Tara was his best friend.

Furthermore one could not ask for a more laid-back, relaxed cat. This cat never ran when any of our Boxers tried to chase him. I once read that whether a cat and dog get on, depends on the cat: some cats run, others don't. So that, I suppose, explains a lot.

Snap is about the same age that Cracker would have been - going on twelve - and every time he saw a new Boxer or Boxer puppy, he would give a disapproving meow and that was it. Jagger and Snap were great friends from the word go.

When Suzi arrived, it was love at first sight. She just loves the cat to bits although she had never seen a cat before and he allows her all kinds of liberties.

Then there are of course Alison and Jennifer Neisch who have a number of beautiful Siamese cats living in complete harmony with their Boxer Cody and before him, for ten years, with Django. I also remember Tammy Gilmour's cat when they were still living in Fairtrees Way in Durbanville.

I am sure that there are other tales of Boxers and cats not living like cats and dogs. Have a happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year, everyone.

***Helen Smith***

# RESPONSIBILITIES OF A DOG BREEDER

Addy Smits (HELYVON BOUVIERS)

*Talk delivered as part of "LETS TRY AND BREED BETTER DOGS", presented by the  
SA Dachshund Club on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2004.*

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I would like to share with you some thoughts on the responsibilities of a dog breeder.

My experience as a dog breeder started more with love of the breed, than with knowledge of my breed. If you look back at photographs from that time and compare them with the dogs we produce now, you see that there is a "lifetime" in between. Many lessons were learned, not always in the gentlest way. Apart from the many decisions you face, life can touch you from an angle you did not know existed.

I think that being critical of the quality and the character of the pups has helped me to develop a more balanced outlook on the breeding process. Still, lots of questions keep popping up.



## **What or who is a dog breeder?**

This qualification can be stretched quite far:

- FROM - someone who multiplies dogs  
TO - someone who, with careful consideration of many aspects, plans a breeding programme.

Everything or anybody else comes in between.

## **Why are we breeding?**

I think one of our basic instincts is to reproduce. Be it vegetables, garden plants, or animals. It must be a result of our pastoral background. Part of that drive is also competition in numerous forms.

Have you ever honestly asked yourself the question: WHY DO I BREED?

- ◇ to make money?
  - ◇ for hobby / pastime?
  - ◇ out of medical interest?
  - ◇ out of genetic interest?
  - ◇ to improve the conformation of your breed?
  - ◇ to improve the character of your breed?
  - ◇ to win from your competitors?
  - ◇ to produce that ONE Best in Show winner?
- or a combination of factors.



### ***Are you a responsible breeder?***

Before you bred, did you ask yourself:

- ◇ is my bitch of sound quality?
- ◇ is she worthwhile to breed from?
- ◇ has she got the correct mental attitude to raise a litter?
- ◇ has she got the correct physical conformation for her breed?
- ◇ is her genetic background sound?

In short, is she healthy in body and soul?

Are you up to date with the medical info regarding your breed and the health of your dog or bitch:

- ◇ is there any health problem you do not want to multiply?
- ◇ what is health wise the best for your dogs?
- ◇ what is normal / natural in your breed?

I do not mean, per se, what is present in your breed at the moment, but what is correct for your breed.

Are you prepared to acquire in-depth knowledge about your breed and about dog breeding:

- ◇ on genetic problems?
- ◇ on character problems?
- ◇ on conformation problems?

as well as about the positive details and health aspects.

Have you got a sound knowledge about the stud you want to use?

Did you think about his quality:

- ◇ mentally?
- ◇ physically?
- ◇ conformation wise?

Has he proven himself genetically?

Is he genetically dominant?

Does he complement your bitch?

Did you acquire your knowledge about the stud from 'hear-say' or did you do your own home-work?

Can you honestly say that you will not let your dog or bitch reproduce again if there is a mental or health problem?

For instance:

- ◇ if there is a problem during mating
- ◇ if there is a health problem during pregnancy
- ◇ if there are problems during whelping
- ◇ problems after birth

Think about:

- ◇ forced mating, which is rape
- ◇ artificial insemination, is there a valid reason not to have a natural mating?
- ◇ infection, at the mating, during pregnancy, after birth
- ◇ pups born dead
- ◇ uterine inertia
- ◇ no milk after birth



- ◇ mastitis
- ◇ weak pups
- ◇ genetic faults in the pups at birth or later

Are you prepared to do a test mating to find out how a genetic fault is passed on, with all the consequences involved?

Will you replace a pup if a genuine genetic problem comes up after the sale of the pup?

Are you able to accept that unwanted things happen, no matter how careful you planned your breeding?

Do you realise what is involved in breeding and the love you must have for your dogs and your breed?

The time you need:

- ◇ for mating
- ◇ for travelling
- ◇ during pregnancy, general care and support (you are the alpha in your pack)

At birth, even if you interfere as little as possible, your bitch and the pups need you there:

- ◇ for support and in case there is an emergency
- ◇ for aftercare of the bitch and the pups



- ◇ to raise the pups for 8 weeks - this is a full time job
- ◇ to find good homes for the pups

The love you need:

- ◇ to give your time
- ◇ to be there when your dog or pups need you
- ◇ to give proper health care, also if something goes wrong





- ◇ to raise a litter of healthy, happy puppies
- ◇ to handle the heartache of losing a pup, or worse, the mother during or after birth

The money you need:

- ◇ to pay for the right stud dog
- ◇ to travel to the stud, maybe also for boarding
- ◇ to travel to the shows to promote your breed and dogs
- ◇ to pay for quality food before and during pregnancy
- ◇ to pay for quality puppy food
- ◇ include your medical costs:
  - deworming
  - regular check ups
  - vaccinations
  - tail docking
  - emergencies
- ◇ to buy or import your own stud dog

If you accept a bitch for your stud dog do you consider:

- ◇ physical and mental maturity
- ◇ quality
- ◇ character
- ◇ medical back ground
- ◇ genetic back ground
- ◇ quality of pups produced, from previous litters and the new planned litter

Ever thought about:

- ◇ The fact that some puppies lack social contact, be it from humans or other animals, while the opposite are pups that are 'smothered' in 'social contact' from birth to the detriment of their normal development as a dog?
- ◇ The fact, that, only a small percentage of your puppies will come into the show ring - are the other pups also healthy and stable enough to fit in with their new owners?
- ◇ How anybody can find the time to own AND share his love with more than say 20 dogs AND keep personal contact with them?
- ◇ How anybody can find the time to be a dedicated breeder of say more than 3 breeds?
- ◇ The fact that so much knowledge is lost due to excessive competitiveness? Breeders are wary to share negative aspects of breeding, as people are only too willing to use it against those breeders. Yet in some breeds people prove that shared knowledge is an advantage
- ◇ The fact that more control by enforcing rules does not produce better quality?

We still have a very open question:

***Who is an honest, serious dog breeder?***

- ◇ The person who produces puppies without conditions?
- ◇ The person who produces pups from registered stock, which has not been competitive in the show ring?
- ◇ The person who breeds a litter once in a while?
- ◇ The person who, after a period of time, regularly, produces good quality dogs?



Who knows how to put it all into the proper words?

Who is able to use the words to describe:

- ◇ What a serious dog breeder goes through to produce pups that are stable, healthy, happy, good quality dogs?
- ◇ The highs and lows of dog breeding?
- ◇ The input you need to “pick - up” after a low time?
- ◇ The pleasure you feel if your breeding plan works out?
- ◇ The responsibility a breeder carries, by putting pups into the world and finding good homes for them?
- ◇ What it feels like to see your pups grow into stable, quality specimens?

Where do you honestly place yourself as a serious dog breeder on a rising scale from 1 to 10?

**REMEMBER:**

The easiest thing to do, is to blame someone else, for anything that is not 100%

It is never necessary to “break down” another person or another dog to promote yourself or your dog

There will always be more questions than answers

You are working with living material and nature never wants to be pushed

Everybody will come across surprises, positive or negative, that nobody intended to happen

Luck still plays a part.

The main lesson I have learned in my (nearly) lifelong ownership of dogs and 32 years of dog breeding experience is:

**BE HONEST**

First and foremost to your dogs and to yourself

The most important aspect of breeding and owning dogs is the character and well being of your dogs.

**BE MORE GENTLE TO YOURSELF AND OTHERS**

Enjoy your dogs, treat them like dogs and give them the respect and love they deserve.



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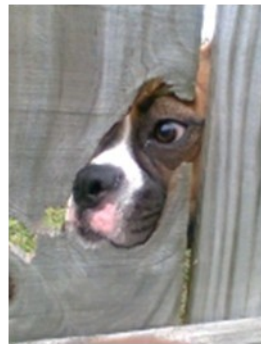
# Why Do We Love Boxers?

I love my Boxer, and everyone I meet who has ever owned or known a Boxer has also fallen madly in love.

What is it about this dog that makes us all gooshy?

There is not just one thing, it is a package deal.

Boxers are forever playful and good natured, very goofy at times, but yet majestic, loyal to the family, natural protectors, and just beautiful to look at.



## Top Ten Reasons to Love a Boxer

1. When the phrase "man's best friend" was coined, they were talking about a Boxer.
2. Boxers are easily trained.
3. They are majestic and athletic, great show dogs.
4. They can go 0 to 100 in one second flat.
5. They wag their whole butt, not just their tail (or nub).
6. They love the whole family and your friends too.
7. They sense your foes and don't like them either.
8. A Boxer can hug you.
9. Their jowls alone are hilarious (especially when laying on their bellies looking up at you).
10. A Boxer is a lover at heart.

Boxers bring endless love and fun to a home. They make you laugh when you're sad and are always ready to play and have some fun. They are very high energy, so need to be trained properly when they are young to follow simple commands. If you do this, you will have a family pet to cherish for a lifetime.

If you don't train or exercise a Boxer, you will have the equivalent of a three-year old child in a 50-80 pound body with four legs and teeth--not pretty. Pet owners need to be responsible with strong breeds.

When you have a trained Boxer, you have the sweetest, most obedient pet imaginable. Our Boxer has even helped our Pug to behave better, often nudging her lovingly when she goes into a rant for no reason.

She is so sweet and loving, but has absolutely no conception of her size when she is with us. She will often lay her huge head on our Pug's tiny body, and tries to balance on the footrest of the couch just to get closer to me for a hug or kiss.

Amazingly enough, a well trained Boxer will know the difference between adults and children, even infants, and adjust their play to who they are with. For example, our Boxer loves to jump at and rough-house with our neighbour, but when my friends 3-year old comes to visit, she can walk all around the house and our Boxer just follows her, waiting for the opportune licking opportunity-and all kids love that!

*Submitted by Jacqui Verrinder*



# BOXER RESCUE

Alley is a purebred Boxer (although not registered) and a very sweet mature lady... she is 10 years old and has been spayed. She is best with older children (6 years and older, but if supervised also fine with younger children). She is used to being an outside dog (but it would be lovely for her to get used to living inside)! She would suit a household where she could be an only dog or with another male dog. She loves attention. She is currently getting used to walking on lead again - due to her owners' health they have not been able to take her for walks for a while.

Unfortunately her owners have to move to a much smaller home and are not able to take her with. She has been with them for many years and they are very sad about having to part with her now.



Please contact  
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Please join us at Canon Creek Independent School,  
cnr Nursery Way & Princess Path, Pinelands, on Sundays:  
Weekly obedience training classes from 08:30.  
Contact Rex Koning at 082 535 1135

Puppy Socialization and Ringcraft Get Togethers  
Contact Fay Roberts at 082 783 1590 for dates and times  
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