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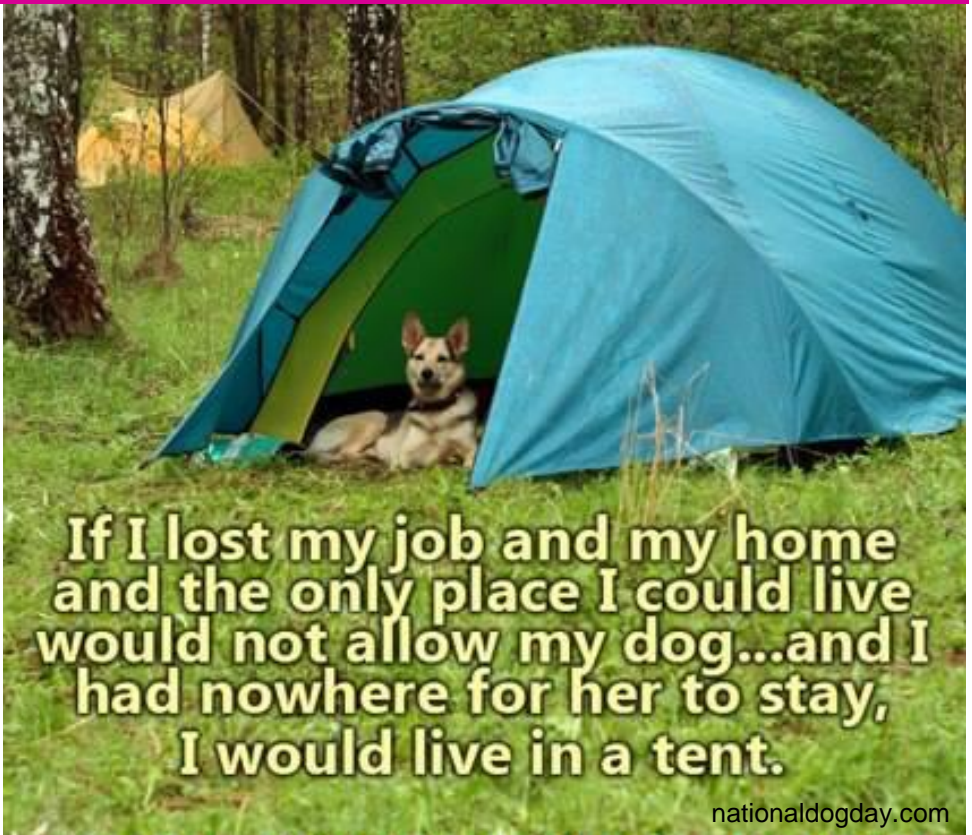
Official Newsletter of the Western Province Boxer Club



BUYING PUPPIES ONLINE



WE ARE OFTEN ASKED FOR HELP BY PEOPLE WHO WERE TRICKED BY ADVERTISERS ON “PUPPIES FOR SALE” AND OTHER WEBSITES INTO SENDING LARGE AMOUNTS OF MONEY, PERSONAL INFORMATION, ETC FOR “REGISTERED BOXER PUPPIES”. THE VENDOR THEN DISAPPEARS AND THE PUPPY NEVER ARRIVES. Unfortunately there is nothing we can do to help once this has happened. Please warn anyone you know of who is looking for a puppy NEVER to go this route!



If I lost my job and my home
and the only place I could live
would not allow my dog...and I
had nowhere for her to stay,
I would live in a tent.

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From the Editor

Hello Everyone,

Hope you and your mutts are all keeping warm and dry!

And now it is my sad duty to mention here two issues which are of great concern to the WPBC committee at the moment.

First is the SPATE of Boxers, many of them elderly, for whom we are being asked to help find new homes. Some of these are true rescues or strays, but far too many are Boxers whose owners wish to get rid of them for reasons that are often rather flimsy and unconvincing.



The second issue is the increasing number of complaints from puppy buyers who have been the victims of on-line scams. Please tell every dog owner you know NEVER to buy a puppy from "Puppies for Sale" sites and NEVER to send money up-front to an on-line vendor. Please also warn all breeders NOT to advertise their dogs on sites used to advertise everything from second hand washing machines to body building equipment.

That's all folks!

Marlien Heystek Editor



WHAT'S ON?

calendar of events

DATE	CLUB	TYPE	EVENTS	CONTACT
JULY				
28 th	Working & Herding Cape	Open	BR,OB,WT, DJ,AG,FLY	021 865 2691
AUGUST				
11 th	Cape Town KC	Open	BR,OB,WT,DJ,AG,FLY,HCL	021 447 7654
14 th	Liesbeek KC	Open	HCL	083 925 4350
SEPTEMBER				
7 th	Queenstown KC	CH	BR,OB,DJ,CA,AG,HCL	045 838 2962
7 th	Baakensvallei W & H	CH	BR	041 360 0853
8 th	Grahamstown KC	CH	BR,OB,DJ,CA,AG,HCL	046 622 3050
15 th	Breede Rivier KC	Open	BR,HCL,DJ,AG,FLY	021 904 3454
22 nd	W P Boxer Club	Club	Breed Assessment	071 138 4385
29 th	W P Boxer Club	Club	Annual Walk & Brunch	071 138 4385
OCTOBER				
6 th	W P Boxer Club	CH	OB,DJ,AG,FLY,CGC	071 138 4385
19 th	Breede Rivier KC	CH	BR, HCL	021 904 3454
19 th	W P Boxer Club	CH	BR	071 138 4385
20 th	Cape Town KC	CH	BR, HCL	021 447 7654
25 th	Working & Herding Cape	CH	BR,OB,DJ,AG,FLY	021 865 2691
26 th	Hottentots Holland KC	CH	BR, HCL	082 521 4374
27 th	Western Province KC	CH	BR, HCL	021 554 1904
27 th	Cape Town KC	CH	OB, DJ, CA, AG, FLY	021 447 7654
NOVEMBER				
9 th	Boxer Club Gold Reef	CH	BR	082 749 3275

INVITATION TO MEMBERS

Please join us at Canon Creek Independent School,
 cnr Nursery Way & Princess Path, Pinelands
 for Puppy Socialization and Ringcraft Get Togethers,
 normally first Sunday every month, but please contact
 Fay Roberts at 071 138 4385 for dates and times

CONSULT OUR WEBSITE <http://www.wpbc.co.za> or
<http://www.showdogs.co.za> for schedules of events



Invitation:

ANNUAL WALK AND BRUNCH MELKBOSSTRAND



SUNDAY 29th SEPTEMBER 2013.

Meet at 10.00 (for walk to start at 10.15) at the Sout River Bridge Car Park, Van Riebeeckstrand, Otto du Plessis Drive, Melkbosstrand (just before Ou Skip Caravan Park).

Access onto the beach from the car park is easy and the beach sand is firm and flat for easy walking. Dogs to be on leads please.

Walk to be followed at 11.00 at Fay and Mike's home, which is a 5 minutes' drive away.

Directions will be sent to those who indicate that they will be attending.

NON WALKERS WELCOME!

Club will provide champagne, orange juice, coffee, tea and skottels.
Please bring eggs, bacon, sausages or whatever else you want to cook, cool drinks, your own cooking utensils, cutlery, crockery, chairs, water bowls, crates and shade.
If you have a skottel, please bring it along.

WE HAD A FEW REQUESTS FOR THIS TYPE OF GET-TOGETHER FROM OUR MEMBERS, SO WE HOPE FOR A GOOD TURN OUT ON THE DAY.

Please let Fay know by 23rd September if you are going to attend.

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WHO'S WHO

2013 / 2014

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For further information and photographs, please take a look at our website:

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and see for yourself the many complimentary comments
from previous guests.

*If it's good enough for Buddy the Toyota Boxer,
then it's good enough for you!*



Contact Helen on 021 557 2899 or 082 698 1244
email: helen@violacottage.co.za

LIST OF RECOMMENDED PUPPY SCHOOLS AND TRAINING CENTRES

Cape Handlers Dog Club, Theo Marais Park, Koeberg Road, Milnerton
Sunday mornings (ring 021 811 6933 Sunday am only) www.chdc.co.za

Cape Province Dog Club, Saturday mornings
Ring Julie 082 376 7367 www.capeprovincedogclub.co.za

Mrs M Spronson, St Francis Vet., Main Road, Diep River
083 357 4080

Mr Jan Buchner, Wynberg Military Camp, Victoria Hill, Wynberg
083 442 4940

Mr Jan Meyer, Sun Valley Shopping Centre, Sun Valley
021 786 1165

Roses Puppy School, Gordonsbay/Somerset West, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday. 082 553 0747 www.friendsofthedog.co.za

There is also a list of 18 other recommended puppy schools in various centres in the Western Cape on this website.

Tygerberg Animal Hospital Puppy Socialisation, Karen Forsdick
021 919 1191

Dog Dynamix Centre for puppy/training, Brommersvlei Road, Constantia,
(on the Riding for the Disabled property)
072 797 9533 www.dogdynamics.co.za

SUPER PUPS is an independent certification programme for puppy trainers, with a comprehensive on-going education programme exclusively for certified members. Super Pup recognizes skills and knowledge and promotes this to the public. Read more on www.superpup.co.za

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Gill Painter, Stellenbosch/Joostenbergvlakte,
072 464 0404, gillpainter@mweb.co.za



- 👉 *The judges discussing and finalizing the score of a participant.*
- 👉 *Labels on the wine presented to the judges as thank-you gifts*



- 👉 *The admin/catering headquarters and members of the WPBC contingent at the Aptitude Tests.*

This year the Aptitude/DMA Tests held as usual at Groot Fizantekraal, Durbanville, were a joint effort between three clubs – the Cape Bullmastiff Club, the Dobermann Club of the Cape and Western Province Boxer Club. The Dobermann Club was the official hosting club and undertook the bulk of the work, but WPBC committee members helped with the catering (we are GOOD at doing anything to do with food...) and Jacqui and Monique also did some on-the-job training as marshals.

Monique's Jamie (Tanyati Headline News) passed an exuberant, Boxer-typical DMA and obviously enjoyed every minute of it. Well done Jamie and Monique!

There were some unusual breeds entered, namely two Flatcoated Retrievers and a Standard Poodle, which made it very interesting for the judges, the marshals, as well as the spectators. All three these dogs did their owners proud and passed their tests with good scores.

APTITUDE 11/12 May 2013

OPEN SHOW RESULTS



Gentry's Quantum Leap
Photo: Born Champions



Ch Thasrite Charlize
Photo: Born Champions



Titanwolverine Romanhoff of Stanwix
Photo: M Hodgkinson

BREDE RIVIER VALLEI KC OPEN SHOW – 14th APR 2013 – JUDGE: MRS M COETZEE-PIGDEN

AWARD	BOXER	OWNER
BEST OF BREED WORKING GROUP 1 st	Dawkendale Playing Tricks (Joker)	Ken & Dawn Hull
BEST PUPPY RESERVE BEST OF BREED PUPPY GROUP 1 st BEST PUPPY IN SHOW	Gentry's Quantum Leap (Raffy)	Monique Hodgkinson & Marlien Heystek

CAPE WORKING & HERDING OPEN SHOW – 5th MAY 2013 - JUDGE: MR CLINTON CLARKE

AWARD	BOXER	OWNER
BEST OF BREED WORKING GROUP 2 nd	Dawkendale Playing Tricks (Joker)	Ken & Dawn Hull
BEST PUPPY RESERVE BEST OF BREED PUPPY GROUP 1 st BEST PUPPY IN SHOW	Gentry's Quantum Leap (Raffy)	Monique Hodgkinson & Marlien Heystek
BEST CH CH GROUP 1 st BEST CH IN SHOW	Ch Tortuga Jumpin Jack Flash at Stanwix (Dexter)	Jacqui Verrinder
BEST VETERAN BEST VETERAN IN GROUP BEST VETERAN IN SHOW	Ch Thasrite Charlize (Charlie)	Fay Roberts
BEST NEUTER BEST NEUTER IN GROUP BEST NEUTER IN SHOW	Titanwolverine Romanhoff of Stanwix (Rogan)	Michelle Martin

WESTERN PROVINCE KC OPEN SHOW – 9th JUNE 2013 – JUDGE: MR JOHNNY MARQUES

AWARD	BOXER	OWNER
BEST JUNIOR BEST OF BREED JUNIOR GROUP 1 st WORKING GROUP 1 st BEST JUNIOR IN SHOW BEST IN SHOW	Gentry's Quantum Leap (Raffy)	Monique Hodgkinson & Marlien Heystek
BEST PUPPY PUPPY GROUP 2 nd	Stanwix Earth Wind 'n Fire (Baxter)	Rene & Andrew Stegman
BEST CHAMPION	Ch Polgara Curtain Call for Jakkalsdans (Macduff)	Marlien Heystek
BEST VETERAN BEST VETERAN IN GROUP	Ch Thasrite Charlize (Charlie)	Fay Roberts
BEST NEUTER BEST NEUTER IN GROUP BEST NEUTER IN SHOW	Titanwolverine Romanhoff of Stanwix (Rogan)	Michelle Martin



Dexter



Joker



Rogan

CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW RESULTS

Manitoka Aphrodite

Photo: Born Champions

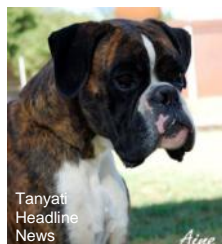


WALMER & SUBURBAN KC CH SHOW – 6th APRIL 2013 – JUDGE: MR GUY JEAVONS (CAN)

CLASS	DOGS		OWNER
OPEN	1 st	Tanyati Headline News	Monique Hodgkinson
	2 nd	Polgara Curtain Call for Jakkalsdans	Marlien Heystek
CHAMPION	1 st	Ch Tortuga Jumpin Jack Flash at Stanwix	Jacqui Verrinder
	2 nd	Ch Titanwolverine Fire Fighter of Montala	Wayne Streak
	3 rd	Ch Montala Ray of Light at Montala	Tommy Smith
CC	Tanyati Headline News		Monique Hodgkinson
RCC	Polgara Curtain Call for Jakkalsdans		Marlien Heystek
CLASS	BITCHES		OWNER
PUPPY	1 st	Manitoka Aphrodite	Alice Rossouw
JUNIOR	1 st	Montala Strides Ahead	Wayne Streak
OPEN	1 st	Tanyati I'm Familiar Too	Monique Hodgkinson
CC	Manitoka Aphrodite		Alice Rossouw
RCC	Tanyati I'm Familiar Too		Monique Hodgkinson
BEST OF BREED WORKING GROUP 1 st	Manitoka Aphrodite		Alice Rossouw
R BEST OF BREED	Tanyati I'm Familiar Too		Monique Hodgkinson
BEST PUPPY PUPPY GROUP 1 st BEST PUPPY IN SHOW	Manitoka Aphrodite		Alice Rossouw

UITENHAGE KC CH SHOW – 5th APRIL 2013 – JUDGE: MR ROD JARMAN (KZN)

CLASS	DOGS		OWNER
OPEN	1 st	Tanyati Headline News	Monique Hodgkinson
	2 nd	Ch Titanwolverine Fire Fighter of Montala	Wayne Streak
	3 rd	Polgara Curtain Call for Jakkalsdans	Marlien Heystek
CHAMPION	1 st	Ch Montala Ray of Light at Montala	Tommy Smith
	2 nd	Ch Tortuga Jumpin Jack Flash at Stanwix	Jacqui Verrinder
CC	Tanyati Headline News		Monique Hodgkinson
RCC	Ch Titanwolverine Fire Fighter of Montala		Wayne Streak
CLASS	BITCHES		OWNER
PUPPY	1 ^s	Manitoka Aphrodite	Alice Rossouw
JUNIOR	1 st	Montala Strides Ahead	Wayne Streak
OPEN	1 st	Tanyati I'm Familiar Too	Monique Hodgkinson
CC	Tanyati I'm Familiar Too		Monique Hodgkinson
RCC	Montala Strides Ahead		Wayne Streak
BEST OF BREED	Ch Montala Ray of Light at Montala		Tommy Smith
WORKING GROUP 4 th			
R BEST OF BREED	Ch Tortuga Jumpin Jack Flash at Stanwix		Jacqui Verrinder
BEST PUPPY	Manitoka Aphrodite		Alice Rossouw
PUPPY GROUP 4 th			



PORT ELIZABETH KC CH SHOW – 7th APRIL 2013 – JUDGE: MRS H ASSENMACHER-FAYEL (GER)

CLASS	DOGS		OWNER
OPEN	1 st	Polgara Curtain Call for Jakkalsdans	Marlien Heystek
	2 nd	Tanyati Headline News	Monique Hodgkinson
CHAMPION	1 st	Ch Montala Ray of Light at Montala	Tommy Smith
	2 nd	Ch Tortuga Jumpin Jack Flash at Stanwix	Jacqui Verrinder
	3 rd	Ch Titanwolverine Fire Fighter of Montala	Wayne Streak
CC	Polgara Curtain Call for Jakkalsdans		Marlien Heystek
RCC	Tanyati Headline News		Monique Hodgkinson
CLASS	BITCHES		OWNER
PUPPY	1 ^s	Manitoka Aphrodite	Alice Rossouw
JUNIOR	1 st	Montala Strides Ahead	Wayne Streak
OPEN	1 st	Tanyati I'm Familiar Too	Monique Hodgkinson
CC	Montala Strides Ahead		Wayne Streak
RCC	Tanyati I'm Familiar Too		Monique Hodgkinson
BEST OF BREED	Ch Montala Ray of Light at Montala		Tommy Smith
R BEST OF BREED	Montala Strides Ahead		Wayne Streak
BEST PUPPY	Manitoka Aphrodite		Alice Rossouw
PUPPY GROUP 3 rd			
BEST JUNIOR	Montala Strides Ahead		Wayne Streak
JUNIOR GROUP 1 st			

OUTENIQUA KC CH SHOW – 16th MAY 2013 – JUDGE: MRS PAT GUILD (GAU)

CLASS		DOGS	OWNER
JUNIOR	1 st	Gentry's Quantum Leap	Hodgkinson/Heystek
CHAMPION	1 st	Ch Titanwolverine Fire Fighter of Montala	Wayne Streak
	2 nd	Ch Montala Ray of Light at Montala	Tommy Smith
	3 rd	Ch Polgara Curtain Call for Jakkalsdans	Marlien Heystek
NEUTER	1 st	Titanwolverine Romanhoff of Stanwix	Michelle Martin
CC		Gentry's Quantum Leap	Hodgkinson/Heystek
CLASS		BITCHES	OWNER
JUNIOR	1 st	Manitoka Aphrodite	Alice Rossouw
GRADUATE	1 st	Montala Eternal Flame	Wayne Streak
VETERAN	1 st	Ch Montala Forget Me Knot	Tommy Smith
	2 nd	Ch Thasrite Charlize	Fay Roberts
OPEN	1 st	Tanyati Enchanting	Monique Hodgkinson
CC		Manitoka Aphrodite	Alice Rossouw
RCC		Tanyati Enchanting	Monique Hodgkinson
BEST JUNIOR JUNIOR GROUP 1 st		Manitoka Aphrodite	Alice Rossouw
BEST VETERAN in GROUP		Ch Montala Forget Me Knot	Tommy Smith
2 nd NEUTER in GROUP		Titanwolverine Romanhoff of Stanwix	Michelle Martin
BEST OF BREED WORKING GROUP 2 nd		Ch Titanwolverine Fire Fighter of Montala	Wayne Streak
R BEST OF BREED		Manitoka Aphrodite	Alice Rossouw

GEORGE KC CH SHOW – 17th MAY 2013 – JUDGE: MR JAN VAN RIJSWIJK (WP)

CLASS		DOGS	OWNER
JUNIOR	1 st	Gentry's Quantum Leap	Hodgkinson/Heystek
CHAMPION	1 st	Ch Titanwolverine Fire Fighter of Montala	Wayne Streak
	2 nd	Ch Montala Ray of Light at Montala	Tommy Smith
	3 rd	Ch Polgara Curtain Call for Jakkalsdans	Marlien Heystek
NEUTER	1 st	Titanwolverine Romanhoff of Stanwix	Michelle Martin
CC		Gentry's Quantum Leap	Hodgkinson/Heystek
CLASS		BITCHES	OWNER
JUNIOR	1 st	Manitoka Aphrodite	Alice Rossouw
GRADUATE	1 st	Montala Eternal Flame	Wayne Streak
VETERAN	1 st	Ch Montala Forget Me Knot of Genelto	Tommy Smith
	2 nd	Ch Thasrite Charlize	Fay Roberts
OPEN	1 st	Tanyati Enchanting	Monique Hodgkinson
CC		Manitoka Aphrodite	Alice Rossouw
RCC		Ch Montala Forget Me Knot of Genelto	Monique Hodgkinson
BEST JUNIOR JUNIOR GROUP 1 st		Manitoka Aphrodite	Tommy Smith
BEST VETERAN in GROUP		Ch Montala Forget Me Knot of Genelto	Tommy Smith
2 nd NEUTER in GROUP		Titanwolverine Romanhoff of Stanwix	Michelle Martin
BEST OF BREED WORKING GROUP 3 rd		Ch Titanwolverine Fire Fighter of Montala	Wayne Streak
R BEST OF BREED		Manitoka Aphrodite	Alice Rossouw





SWARTLAND KC CH SHOW – 22nd JUNE 2013 – JUDGE: MR GERALD BIDDER (WP)

CLASS		DOGS	OWNER
JUNIOR	1 st	Gentry's Quantum Leap	Hodgkinson/Heystek
OPEN	1 st	Dawkendale Playing Tricks	Ken & Dawn Hull
CHAMPION	1 st	Ch Ancory Surfin USA	Tammy Gilmour
	2 nd	Ch Polgara Curtain Call for Jakkalsdans	Marlien Heystek
NEUTER	1 st	Titanwolverine Romanhoff of Stanwix	Michelle Martin
CC		Gentry's Quantum Leap	Hodgkinson/Heystek
CLASS		BITCHES	OWNER
MINOR PUPPY	1 st	Stanwix Atomic Kitten	Lynn Etheridge
PUPPY	1 st	Mardusmara Gemma	Margot Holtrop
JUNIOR	1 st	Manitoka Aphrodite	Alice Rossouw
SA BRED	1 st	Tanyati Enchanting	Monique Hodgkinson
VETERAN	1 st	Ch Thasrite Charlize	Fay Roberts
OPEN	1 st	Tanyati I'm Familiar Too	Monique Hodgkinson
CC		Manitoka Aphrodite	Alice Rossouw
RCC		Tanyati I'm Familiar Too	Monique Hodgkinson
BEST PUPPY		Mardusmara Gemma	Margot Holtrop
BEST JUNIOR		Manitoka Aphrodite	Alice Rossouw
JUNIOR GROUP 1 st			
BEST VETERAN in GROUP		Ch Thasrite Charlize	Fay Roberts
BEST NEUTER in GROUP		Titanwolverine Romanhoff of Stanwix	Michelle Martin
BEST NEUTER IN SHOW			
BEST OF BREED		Ch Ancory Surfin USA	Tammy Gilmour
WORKING GROUP 3 rd			
R BEST OF BREED		Manitoka Aphrodite	Alice Rossouw

WEST COAST KC CH SHOW – 23rd JUNE 2013 – JUDGE: MR GREG EVA (WP)

GROUP: MRS DOREEN POWELL (WP)

CLASS		DOGS	OWNER
JUNIOR	1 st	Gentry's Quantum Leap	Hodgkinson/Heystek
CHAMPION	1 st	Ch Polgara Curtain Call for Jakkalsdans	Marlien Heystek
NEUTER	1 st	Titanwolverine Romanhoff of Stanwix	Michelle Martin
CC		Gentry's Quantum Leap	Hodgkinson/Heystek
CLASS		BITCHES	OWNER
MINOR PUPPY	1 st	Stanwix Atomic Kitten	Lynn Etheridge
PUPPY	1 st	Mardusmara Gemma	Margot Holtrop
JUNIOR	1 st	Manitoka Aphrodite	Alice Rossouw
VETERAN	1 st	Ch Thasrite Charlize	Fay Roberts
OPEN	1 st	Tanyati I'm Familiar Too	Monique Hodgkinson
	2 nd	Wincasley Gosh I'm Posh of Hartwell	Ruth Truebody
CC		Manitoka Aphrodite	Alice Rossouw
RCC		Tanyati I'm Familiar Too	Monique Hodgkinson
BEST PUPPY		Stanwix Atomic Kitten	Lynn Etheridge
BEST JUNIOR JUNIOR GROUP 1 st BEST JUNIOR IN SHOW		Manitoka Aphrodite	Alice Rossouw
BEST VETERAN in GROUP		Ch Thasrite Charlize	Fay Roberts
BEST NEUTER in GROUP BEST NEUTER IN SHOW		Titanwolverine Romanhoff of Stanwix	Michelle Martin
BEST OF BREED WORKING GROUP 1 st		Manitoka Aphrodite	Alice Rossouw
R BEST OF BREED		Ch Polgara Curtain Call for Jakkalsdans	Marlien Heystek



Manitoka Aphrodite

2013 KUSA National Open Handler



Congratulations to LUCY YOUNG on winning the 2013 KUSA National Open Handler award at the KUSA National Events at Goldfields on 2nd June this year.

The judge was Mr Zoran Brankovic (Serbia). Lucy is shown here with *Ch Chiswick Grand Design* (KESTON), who won 2013 National Boxer and was 4th in the National Working Group. What makes this even more special is that this was the second consecutive year that both Lucy and Keston won these awards!

WAY TO GO, LUCY AND KESTON!

CODY NEISH

(Blackberg Red Sash)

6 July 2006 – 16 April, 2013

Our lives altered dramatically in April this year when we lost our beloved Boxer Cody. He was diagnosed with infective endo-carditis (inflammation of the inner tissue of the heart e.g. valves, caused by infectious agents, usually bacterial, as in Cody's case. Because the valves of the heart don't receive a dedicated blood supply, defensive immune mechanisms, such as white blood cells, are unable to reach the valves directly via the bloodstream. In Cody's case, a bacterial organism attached itself to the surface of a valve, forming a "vegetation plot", thereby reducing the ability of the white blood cells to fight and ward off the threat of infection. The lack of blood supply to the valves is a further problem, as anti-biotic drugs have difficulty in reaching the infected valve. This condition is apparently difficult to diagnose in humans, so I imagine it's probably as difficult to diagnose in animals. A scan revealed a 2 cm tumour on Cody's aorta. 24 hours later, it had increased to 4 cm and a leaking valve was evident. Our boy also had pneumonia.

When we went to visit him on the morning of his second day at the Cape Animal Clinic in Kenilworth, where he was being treated by Dr. Malan Van Zyl, we were told he had stopped eating and would not lift his head up. Nevertheless, he was so happy to see my sister Ali and I. His eyes lit up, he bounced out of the cage, wagged his tail enthusiastically, gave each of us one of his exuberant smacking kisses - then lay down on the floor of the ICU ward, subdued, sad and silent – bewilderment etched in his lovely eyes, asking "What's going on Mom? Why do I feel so awful?" We were advised how to proceed, but having never had to make The Decision before, suggested that we wait a few more days. We were told by Dr. Van Zyl that he didn't think Cody "would give us a few more days", that he would probably not survive the night. We undertook to return later that day to re-assess our boy's condition, in the hope that it may have improved. We returned in the late afternoon and noticed that the drip in which antibiotics were being administered, had been removed. We were told this was because the liquid in the drip, required to circulate the anti-biotics, was adding to the already excessive amount of fluid in his lungs. He was coughing a lot.

Our hearts breaking, we asked for time alone with Cody to make a decision. We recalled the statement of our friend and De Waal Park dog trainer Sandy, who had impressed upon me earlier that day "Jen, you're going to do what you have to do, **because** you love Cody so much." She spoke from experience and from the heart. I knew she was right.

Ali sat and I lay on the floor, wedged tightly on either side of our beloved boy as we had so often done throughout his life, cherishing our final contact with his warm, so familiar loved body. As we kissed and stroked him, we told him, as we had always done, that he was the most beautiful, wonderful Boxer in the world and that we loved him so, so much. I recalled the years of perfect companionship we had enjoyed together and thanked him for the love and protection he had unwaveringly given us, from the ecstatic day in August 2006, when we waved goodbye to Rina and Dave Black in Napier and joyfully took our beautiful, treasured puppy home to embark upon a thrilling, new Boxer chapter in our lives.

As we cuddled our boy, I took out a bottle of water from my bag for myself, which immediately interested Cody, as I always took a bottle of water for him when we went out, squeezing it into his eagerly opened mouth on demand. I had seen Mike Smith do this with Julius, Cody's older sibling, at Sunday morning puppy training in Pinelands and thought it a good idea. As a result, I was known in De Waal Park as "The Jewish Mother" catering for my beloved boy's every whim. He drank with relish, smacking his lips. It was the last thing I was able to do for him. After a peaceful, intense hour in which we managed somehow to conceal our distress and heartbreak, the deed was done and we rushed out, the driving rain mingling with our tears, relieved that our beloved boy was no longer suffering, knowing we had done the right thing, but already feeling utterly bereft. Cody was three months short of 7, in the prime of his life. We had never expected to lose him so soon.

Like our previous four Boxers, Cody was the light of our lives, the centre of my universe, the main



source of joy in my life. As long as he was around, everything was bearable, no matter what happened. He was my solace, my comfort, my consolation for everything that wasn't going right. He was an enormously loving, protective presence in our lives. His larger-than-life personality had been a massive presence in our home. Without him, the sanctuary of home no longer feels like home. We're a family in mourning and it's not abating, as people, to my astonishment, seem to expect, only eight short weeks after losing a cherished member of our family.

Cody was the most beautiful Boxer we had ever had - also the most arrogant and dominant! He **knew** he was

special. Not for nothing had Rina Black dubbed him "Impi" as she reared him. He was a little Emperor from the moment he was born, cherished and adored by his breeder and then by his besotted owners. He was the most confident, self-assured dog we have ever had. He had a tremendous sense of self and had perfected what I have always called "The Emperor Look" – something all our Boxers possessed - sitting bolt upright in a comfortable place, shoulders back, chest thrust out and a haughty expression on his face which clearly said, as though surveying his loyal subjects "Go ahead, feast your eyes upon on me - I know I'm magnificent!" And he was – I was so proud of him. Having such a beautiful, magnificent dog made me feel special, by association.

We spent a lot of time in De Waal Park in Oranjezicht, a haven for dogs as they're exercised off leash, socialise happily together, splash in and out of the fountain (not my prince though, he didn't enjoy getting wet and avoided bath time with steely determination). The dogs, varying from huge to minute, pedigreed to pavement specials, delight in chasing balls, Frisbees, each other, squirrels, birds and sometimes skateboards and cyclists. Cody and his litter brother Themba loved sparring together as puppies, delighting in each other's company. Our boy was frequently described by many as "the most beautiful dog in the park", confirming my own biased opinion. He was constantly admired, by those who immediately recognised him as a Boxer and by others who would ask in mystified awe "Is he a Bulldog? Is he a St Bernard?" I was so proud of him, but more than that, I loved the pleasure that he gave people who would take one look at his handsome, expressive face and burst into spontaneous laughter or say admiringly "Hi there Beautiful / Gorgeous!"

He insisted on sitting in the front seat of my car. I wished I had a car as majestic as he was, one that was worthy of transporting such a handsome, aristocratic creature, but it didn't really matter, as he made my Citi Golf feel like a Jaguar, the way he preened in the front seat, aloofly appearing indifferent to people pointing him out to each other, smiling in amusement and laughing at his regal demeanour and expression. I pretended to be casual, but invariably could not help grinning, enjoying the amused reaction of strangers to my boy. Have I said how proud I was of him!? I'd often return to my car after popping into the supermarket or chemist, to find strangers laughingly taking photos on their phones of Cody in the passenger seat and our pavement special Jordy in the driver's seat, waiting patiently and solemnly for me. When I tried to take a photo on my own phone, they would

clamour joyfully to the window, abandoning their little tableau. I loved those moments, the way they greeted me after a 10 minute absence, as though they hadn't seen me for weeks.

Despite his arrogance, Cody was a very sweet boy, gentle towards animals smaller and younger than him, full of love and enthusiasm. He was wonderful with our three Siamese cats. They would curl up on my bed next to him, grooming him as he slept, trusting him implicitly.

As he always gravitated to other dogs in the park, wanting so badly to play, I decided when he was a year old, that he needed a companion. We adopted a male pavement special puppy whom we named Jordy, whom Cody immediately welcomed into our home. Although Cody was indisputably Top Dog, Jordy, as he matured, occasionally tried his luck, challenging his big brother, whom he admired and most of the time deferred to respectfully. Cody never minded. If pushed beyond endurance, he would make it clear that he was the Boss, but in a good natured, tolerant way. He didn't see the point as he outgrew puppyhood, of chasing a ball. So he'd let Jordy do all the chasing, but occasionally, he'd pick up the ball, just to demonstrate that he was Top Dog. Then he'd allow Jordy to take it away from him.

They shared all titbits and treats, never fighting over food. They loved each other. On two memorable occasions when Cody was just over a year and Jordy about three months, I realised that they were very quiet, which usually meant mischief. I found them outside on the lawn, enjoying a tug-of-war with first a bra and on another occasion, a pair of my jeans! I was not amused as I picked up the torn halves of each item, but they were unapologetic – it had been a very satisfying game. On another occasion, our neighbour phoned one Sunday morning saying "I don't want you to think I'm interfering, but I think Cody



has something on the lawn that he shouldn't have – you better go and have a look!" I was very grateful, as he was about to chew one of a pair of brand new leather boots, as Jordy looked on enviously. He surrendered it with disappointed grace.

One thing Cody did **not** enjoy, was seeing me topless as I dressed in the morning! Lying on my bed, he stared at me with huge eyes in disbelief, if not horror. I was surprised that he registered something so natural, but he was clearly very disturbed, so I made a point thereafter, of getting dressed at that point with my back to him, so as not to distress him. What a character!

We enjoyed wonderful hikes on the lower slopes of Table Mountain and Signal Hill, walks on Camps Bay and Hout Bay beaches – but his favourite place was De Waal Park. All the dogs there are fondly called "squirrel monitors", as they are all demented about chasing the hapless squirrels who most of the time escape them, scurrying frantically up trees. Whenever I see a squirrel on the ground, I clap my hands and call out loudly, alerting them to the danger of my fast approaching boys, earning indignant glares from them for spoiling their fun. On his last visit to the park, Cody stood beneath a tree, *transfixed* by the squirrels who'd hastily scrambled up it, waiting hopefully for one of them to chance running back down. After 15 frustrating minutes of useless cajoling (to the amusement of the homeless, reclining on the lawns, who thought it was great entertainment) I finally

put on his lead and led him away to our car, insisting that it really was time to leave. I recall that day now, as I walk in the park with only one dog at my side, reflecting how wrong and incomplete I feel, being there without Cody. However he's with Jordy and I every step of the way, wherever we walk. It's hard to do each of our favourite walks for the first time without him. I don't expect his spirit to ever leave my consciousness and wouldn't want it any other way.

Considering what a macho boy he appeared to be, Cody was quite a sissy. He refused point blank to go outside to relieve himself if it was raining. I'd open our back door and say "Come on, out you go, quickly!" He'd peer out, his brow furrowed, step back and look at me incredulously, his expression saying "Are you crazy? Do you *really* expect me to go out in *this*?" If it was first thing in the morning and I knew his bladder had to be bursting, I'd dash outside, calling him pseudo playfully and persuasively and he'd say "If **you** want to get soaking wet, that's fine, but don't expect **me** to be so stupid!" and he'd saunter back to bed. My sister Ali reckoned that he had a 24 hour bladder - when it suited him. At other times, he'd get me up in the middle of the night, insisting that he *had* to go out. I'd stumble down the passage, yawning, fumbling to unlock the door and then realise that he was no longer following me. I'd retrace my steps - and find him lounging regally and unashamedly on my bed, against my pillows - looking smug, delighted that his ploy had worked so well. I disapproved of his devious tactics and was exasperated at having my sleep disrupted. I scolded him and never betrayed that I was reluctantly quite impressed by his ingenuity.

He did of course sleep under my duvet when the weather turned chilly. The first time Cody burrowed under my duvet every year, after months of summer, always heralded the onset of autumn for us. I thought of him affectionately as "My Lump", my solid, reassuring, cosy Lump. This is probably when I miss Cody the most, struggling to fall asleep without my Lump, tears running down my cheeks, convinced that I can still "feel" him behind my knees, snoring and snuffling softly, stretching out - and then my heart sinks, as I remember and fresh despair engulfs me as I fruitlessly ask myself for the hundredth time "Why? Why was **our** adored dog taken from us so far in advance of his life expectancy?" I torture myself by pointlessly going round and round in circles, continuously asking the same question, knowing that it's never going to be answered, but unable to stop myself from demanding an answer.



We watched at least 25 tennis Grand Slams together, travelling via satellite from the comfort of my bed to Melbourne, Roland Garros in Paris, Wimbledon and Flushing Meadow in New York. Part of my joy in taking leave to watch the Grand Slams was because I was able to spend more time with Cody - a happy combination. Watching the 2013 French Open in May, my first Grand Slam without him, simply didn't feel the same - an essential ingredient of my pleasure was

missing.

His deer red and white fur remains on the passenger seat of my car. I found more of it when I recently unpacked my winter clothes. I can't bear to brush it into oblivion, as it's the only tangible thing I have left of him. I so miss the sight of his magnificent white chest through the glass of our front door when I arrive home. He was always waiting there faithfully, unable to relax completely until every member of his family was safely home.

As Sandy said "Cody was born a prince - and he became a king." We were privileged to have him sharing our lives. It just wasn't nearly long enough.

Jennifer Neish, June 2013

LOUIS

*Heart warming news from Chris and Mike Brown,
whose Boxer Julius died of chemodectoma last year.*



Devastated by the loss of our beloved Julius last year, and Mike and I having declared that we would not want to replace him, something made us answer a recent email from Fay which read:

"Louis" is a 2 year old red male boxer. He was found abandoned on a farm in Plettenburg Bay at age 6 months when Nicki took him in.

Unfortunately Nicki has a disabled daughter whose care consumes all of her time and energy and subsequently they can't give Louis the attention he so desperately seeks. He is a special little creature who loves to play and has the most loving nature."

We followed up on the email and arranged to go and see Louis, who was living in Glencairn with Nicki and her family - it was 'love at first sight' from both sides. We were the first people to go and see him and although Nicki had had several phone calls from interested dog lovers, we were lucky enough to be chosen as his new owners.

Louis is an absolute joy, so full of life and love and although he had had very little obedience/social training, he is learning so quickly and willingly. He goes for a long walk in the morning where he meets lots of people and dogs - fortunately he is a 'lover', not a 'fighter'

Our thanks to Nicki and her family for 'rescuing' us. We have a sign on our front door which reads 'Happy is the home with at least one boxer' - we couldn't agree more!

BOXER RESCUE

BEFORE:



ROCKY was found emaciated and full of mange. Despite his hard life he is a happy and playful boy. He is house and lead trained and fine with other dogs. Not sure



AFTER:



how he is with children and cats as he hasn't been exposed to them at the kennels. He is a red and white male, with a tail, and is approximately 1-2 years old.

ROCKY received weeks of treatment for his skin and plenty of good food and is now fully recovered.

This sweet boy is now looking for a new forever home.

Please contact Helen or Alma at Animal Anti Cruelty League for more information. 021 9513010 or 021 9513029.

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GIVE A HOME TO A BOXER
IN DISTRESS, PLEASE GET
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