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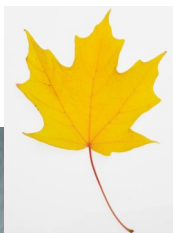
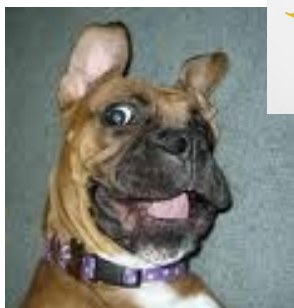
# WHO'S WHO

2011

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## From the Editor

Hello Everyone,

In spite of the sweltering temperatures which recently had everyone in the Western Cape - human and animal - huffing and puffing, the trees are now beginning to show just a glimmer of gold here and there, promising us that autumn - "season of mists and mellow fruitfulness" - can't be too far away.

The first Breed Shows of the year to be held in the Cape have come and gone, the Club had its Annual General Meeting and the dog calendar is in full swing.

As our President pointed out recently, committees of dog clubs, specialist clubs in particular, have a difficult task, because they are dealing with people's passions. It is therefore almost inevitable, I suppose, that the odd toe will sometimes get trodden on. That makes it important for committee members to attempt to always tread lightly, thereby trying to avoid, or at least minimise, bruising.

On the other hand, perhaps we should all try never to stick our toes out too far and have them lying around all over the place!

Take care  
Marlien Heystek  
Editor





# WHAT'S ON?

## calendar of events

	CLUB	TYPE	EVENTS	CONTACT
<b>APRIL</b>				
1 <sup>st</sup>	Uitenhage KC	CH	BR,CA,HCL	041 368 7927
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Walmer & Sub KC	CH	BR,CA,HCL	041 379 4880
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Port Elizabeth KC	CH	BR,CA,HCL	041 365 7737
17 <sup>th</sup>	Breede Rivier KC	Open	BR,AG,DJ,FLY	021 904 3454
<b>MAY</b>				
1 <sup>st</sup>	Working & Herding Cape	Open	BR,OB,AG,DJ,FLY	021 865 2691
7 <sup>th</sup>	Boland Dog Training	CH	OB,AG,DJ,FLY	021 987 0141
15 <sup>th</sup>	Hottentots Holland KC	Open	BR,DJ,AG,FLY	021 852 3009
21 <sup>st</sup>	East London KC	CH	BR, HCL	043 745 2162
21 <sup>st</sup>	Quinera W & H	CH	BR,HCL	043 745 2162
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Port Rex KC	CH	BR, HCL	043 745 2162
<b>JUNE</b>				
5 <sup>th</sup>	Western Province KC	Open	BR	082 569 7085
11 <sup>th</sup>	Outeniqua KC	CH	BR	044 272 2412
12 <sup>th</sup>	George KC	CH	BR	044 272 2412
25 <sup>th</sup>	Cape Handlers	Open	OB,DJ,AG,CA,FLY	021 930 1061
30 <sup>th</sup>	Cape Town KC	CH	OB,DJ,AG,FLY	021 447 7654
<b>JULY</b>				
9 <sup>th</sup>	Uitenhage KC	Open	OB,CD,DJ,CA,FLY	041 368 7927
10 <sup>th</sup>	Baakens Valley W & H	CH	OB,CD,DJ,CA,FLY	041 581 5231
17 <sup>th</sup>	Kennel Association	Open	BR,OB,DJ,AG,FLY,HCL	021 715 9758
24 <sup>th</sup>	Working & Herding Cape	Open	BR	021 865 2691
<b>AUGUST</b>				
7 <sup>th</sup>	Cape Town KC	Open	BR	021 447 7654
14 <sup>th</sup>	Liesbeek KC	Open	BR,OB,DJ,AG	083 925 4350
27 <sup>th</sup>	KUSA Nationals Bloemfontein	CH		

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

Next Puppy Socialization and Ringcraft Get Together 10<sup>th</sup> April 2011, 09:00

Contact Fay Roberts at 082 783 1590 for information

CONSULT OUR WEBSITE <http://www.wpbc.co.za> or

<http://www.showdogs.co.za> for schedules of events

# PET—FRIENDLY ACCOMMODATION

## VIOLA & OWL COTTAGES



Bloubergrant / Table View, Cape Town

Two tastefully furnished and equipped Pet Friendly Cottages, situated totally separate from each other in a quiet residential area just 5 minutes from the beach overlooking Table Mountain and Robben Island and close to local amenities.

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.

Secure off road parking area for cars and trailers.

Bedding and towels are provided and changed during stay.

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

### PET POLICY:

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.

Contact Helen by phone on 021 557 2899 or 082 698 1244  
or via email : [helen@violacottage.co.za](mailto:helen@violacottage.co.za)



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# SHOW RESULTS

## WPBC 2011 TROPHY SHOW



**BEST IN SHOW**  
**Ancory Surfin USA**



**RESERVE BEST IN SHOW**  
**Ch Tanyati Broadway Debut**



**BEST JUNIOR IN SHOW**  
**Tanyati Enchanting**



**BEST PUPPY IN SHOW**  
**Dawkendale Playing Tricks**



**WESTERN PROVINCE BOXER CLUB TROPHY SHOW 12th March 2011****JUDGE: MRS L KASSELMAN****STEWARD: MS R BATEMAN****ADULTS**

CLASS	BOXER	OWNER
OPEN DOGS	1 Ancory Surfin USA	Mr J Kieser & Ms T Gilmour
OPEN BITCHES	1 Daw kendale Spellbound	Mr Mrs K M Hull
WINNER	Ancory Surfin USA	
RESERVE	Daw kendale Spellbound	

VETERAN BITCHES	1 Ch Sedoh's Susie	Ms M Heystek
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JUNIOR DOGS	1 Bruno	Mrs C M Barry
JUNIOR BITCHES	1 Tanyati Enchanting	Mrs M Hodgkinson
	2 Mardusmara Sonja	Mrs C M Barry
WINNER	Tanyati Enchanting	
RESERVE	Bruno	

<b>BEST ADULT IN SHOW</b>	<b>Ancory Surfin USA</b>
<b>RESERVE ADULT IN SHOW</b>	<b>Tanyati Enchanting</b>

**PUPPIES**

BABY PUPPY BITCHES	1 Bobbels	J Horn
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MINOR PUPPY DOGS	1 Polgara Curtain Call for Jakkalsdans	Ms M Heystek
MINOR PUPPY BITCHES	1 Mardus Mara Misty	Mrs M Holtrop
WINNER	Polgara Curtain Call for Jakkalsdans	
RESERVE	Mardus Mara Misty	

PUPPY DOGS	1 Daw kendale Playing Tricks	Mr Mrs K M Hull
	2 Tortuga Jumpin Jack Flash at Stanwix	Mrs J Verrinder

<b>BEST PUPPY IN SHOW</b>	<b>Dawkendale Playing Tricks</b>
<b>RESERVE PUPPY IN SHOW</b>	<b>Tortuga Jumpin Jack Flash at Stanwix</b>

CHAMPION BITCHES	1 Ch Tanyati Broadway Debut	Mrs M Hodgkinson
	2 Ch Thasrite Charlize	Mrs F Roberts

<b>BEST IN SHOW</b>	<b>ANCORY SURFIN USA</b>
<b>RESERVE BEST IN SHOW</b>	<b>CH TANYATI BROADWAY DEBUT</b>

**SPECIAL CLASSES**

BEST RED BOXER	Ch Tanyati Broadway Debut
BEST BRINDLE BOXER	Ancory Surfin USA
BEST PLAIN BOXER	Mardusmara Sonja
BEST HEAD	Tortuga Jumpin Jack Flash at Stanwix
BEST MOVEMENT	Ch Tanyati Broadway Debut

**DISCIPLINES**

<b>WPBC TROPHY FOR BOXER GAINING HIGHEST POINTS IN OBEDIENCE</b>	
Boxer Bitch TANGA	Mrs L Etheridge

JOJO TROPHY - WINNER OF JUMPING GRADE II	
JAVA	Glenda Lilley



# MORE SHOW RESULTS

## DOUBLE WAMMY!

CAPE TOWN KENNEL CLUB OPEN SHOW 6 FEBRUARIE 2011



### BEST IN SHOW

**ANCORY SURFIN USA - TYSON**

Owned by Tammy Gilmour

&

Johan Kieser



### BEST PUPPY IN SHOW

**TORTUGA JUMPIN JACK FLASH AT**

**STANWIX - DEXTER**

Owned by Jacqui Verrinder

**WELL DONE TYSON & DEXTER,  
WONDERFUL TO SEE  
OUR YOUNGSTERS DOING  
SO WELL IN THE RING!**



### KENNEL ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW – 26 FEBRUARY 2011

CLASS	DOGS		OWNER
MINOR PUPPY	1 <sup>st</sup>	Titanwolverine Fire Fighter	Wayne Streak
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Polgara Curtain Call for Jakkalsdans	Marlien Heystek
PUPPY	1 <sup>st</sup>	Dawkendale Playing Tricks	Ken & Dawn Hull
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tortuga Jumpinjackflash of Stanwix	Jacqui Verrinder
OPEN	1 <sup>st</sup>	Ancory Surfin USA	Tammy Gilmour & Johan Kieser
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dawkendale Flashpoint	Ronnie Morrison
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Titanwolverine Red Alert	Edna Duggan
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Ancory Oikos	Valdon & Marianne Smith
CC	Ancory Surfin USA		Tammy Gilmour & Johan Kieser
RCC	Dawkendale Flashpoint		Ronnie Morrison
CLASS	BITCHES		OWNER
PUPPY	1 <sup>st</sup>	Wincasley Gosh I'm Posh of Hartwell	Ruth Truebody
JUNIOR	1 <sup>st</sup>	Montala Uptown Girl of Manitoka	Alice Rossouw
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tanyati Enchanting	Monique Hodgkinson
CHAMPIONS	1 <sup>st</sup>	Ch Tanyati Broadway Debut	Monique Hodgkinson
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ch Montala Forget Me Knot of Genelto	Tommy Smith
CC	Montala Uptown Girl of Manitoka		Alice Rossouw
RCC	Tanyati Enchanting		Monique Hodgkinson
BEST OF BREED 2 <sup>nd</sup> IN GROUP	Ancory Surfin USA		Tammy Gilmour & Johan Kieser
R BEST OF BREED	Ch Tanyati Broadway Debut		Monique Hodgkinson
BEST PUPPY 3 <sup>RD</sup> PUPPY GROUP	Titanwolverine Fire Fighter		Wayne Streak
BEST JUNIOR 1 <sup>ST</sup> JUNIOR GROUP	Montala Uptown Girl of Manitoka		Alice Rossouw

### LIESBEEK KC CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW – 27 FEBRUARY 2011

CLASS	DOGS		OWNER
MINOR PUPPY	1 <sup>st</sup>	Titanwolverine Fire Fighter	Wayne Streak
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Polgara Curtain Call for Jakkalsdans	Marlien Heystek
PUPPY	1 <sup>st</sup>	Dawkendale Playing Tricks	Ken & Dawn Hull
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tortuga Jumpinjackflash of Stanwix	Jacqui Verrinder
OPEN	1 <sup>st</sup>	Dawkendale Flashpoint	Ronnie Morrison
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RCC	Montala Uptown Girl of Manitoka		Alice Rossouw
BEST OF BREED	Ch Tanyati Broadway Debut		Monique Hodgkinson
R BEST OF BREED	Dawkendale Flashpoint		Ronnie Morrison
BEST PUPPY 3 <sup>RD</sup> PUPPY GROUP	Titanwolverine Fire Fighter		Wayne Streak
BEST JUNIOR	Tanyati Enchanting		Monique Hodgkinson

# OBEDIENCE 2010/2011

*Obedience Champion*



*"Prince"*  
Anamusch - Neuma



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## OBEDIENCE CORNER

It is my pleasure to summarise the activities of the Obedience Section of the Boxer Club.

Yes, a lot of water has gone under the bridge. We have been getting 8 to 10 members at training on Sundays.

### The highlights of the year were:

Michelle Martin passed her Canine Good Citizen Certificate and also entered Novice class, but her dog was not co-operating with her at the last obedience show. Her other dog has become a film star as he has featured in a film shoot. This dog has potential to enter Novice class shortly.

**The Obedience Dog of the Year 2010** went to Berit Davis, who won class B obedience at the Kennel Association show. She also entered CD in the working trials.

Mike Brown who comes to training regularly, has really excelled himself and he has improved his dog from a

problem dog to an obedient dog. I am hoping that he will enter obedience shows.

Tanis Wade who won the Rookie Award 2010 has now moved to Langebaan. She attended all Sunday training sessions. We are going to miss her at training classes.

Roy Joynt is now coming to training classes and I am impressed with the standard of achievement that he has reached. Hoping in the near future he will be entering in the Novice obedience class.

### Our non Boxer dogs:

The Boston Terrier of Alida Liebenberg, who participated in class C in the past and who took part in many obedience shows, has died. This is a great loss to the club. We are hoping that she will soon get another dog.

Giesla Davids has been at training for many years and has trained many dogs, but alas, the dog she has at the moment prefers to play and only sometimes likes to work. Currently her dog is very ill and needs special care.

Our most advanced dog at the moment is the Border Collie of Trish Gates, who is in class C. She has a few problems with her dog which she is trying to correct. I am hoping that this year she will win class C. Susie with her German Shepherd is in class B and Berit is also in class B and I am hoping that both of them will enter the Kennel Association show in February 2011. Susie also has a new young German Shepherd dog that she is training at the moment.

**Puppy Classes** are held monthly under the supervision of Fay Roberts and Jacqui Verrinder. These are very successful. Ken Hull and Johan Kieser also come to help newcomers to show their dogs in the ring.

### Training Classes

These classes are held every week on Sundays at The Cannon Creek School Pineland at 8.30 am for beginners and more advanced dogs at 9 am. (Provided there are no dog competitions held that Sunday).

Rex Koning  
Trainer

Senior Obedience Judge

# TRIBUTE: Mrs Doreen Powell



Doreen Powell became involved in pedigree dogs in 1960 in Natal, together with her late husband David, breeding and showing Boxers, GSD's, Miniature Schnauzers and Whippets under the affix "Galaxy". In 1977 they settled in Cape Town where they both continued their work in the Kennel Union, David serving on Federal Council and Doreen became involved with the Kennel Association. Her husband David passed away in 1984.

She held and still holds the following positions :

- 1960 – 1977 Secretary of The Pietermaritzburg Kennel Club, Natal Boxer Club and Natal Provincial Council
- 1978 – Secretary and Director of Training, Kennel Association
- 1994 – Elected Chairman of the Western Cape Provincial Council and Federal Councillor of the Kennel Union of Southern Africa (KUSA)
- 2000 – Elected Vice President of KUSA
- 2000 – Elected Vice Chairman of the KUSA Federal Council
- 2004 – Elected Life Member of KUSA
- 2007 – Elected Secretary, President and Life Member of the Western Province Boxer Club President and Vice-President of numerous clubs

Doreen is a Boxer Specialist Judge, Boxer Breed Assessor, All Breeds Conformation Judge and Class C Obedience Judge.

Over the years Doreen has had the honour of being invited to judge in the following countries: India (Breed & Obedience), Australia, Canada, Thailand, Philippines, Brazil, Ireland, United Kingdom, Namibia and South Africa.

On behalf of the Committee and the Obedience Section of Western Province Boxer Club, we congratulate and salute you, Doreen! We are indeed privileged to have you on the Western Province Boxer Club Committee.

Rex Koning  
Trainer  
Senior Obedience Judge

Vaccination is an established concept in preventive health care for both humans and animals. During the late 1990's, attention was drawn to the potential side-effects of vaccination by both medical and veterinary authorities. As a result ideal vaccination protocols have been hotly debated ever since.

The following are extracts from an article published in *In Practice* (January 2009) **31** 2-7. The author graduated from Pretoria University in 1993, followed by 7½ years in mixed and small animal practice in the UK and a residency at Cambridge. Returning to South Africa in 2007, she established a small animal referral practice in Port Elizabeth. She holds the RCVS certificate and diploma in small animal medicine, a Masters in veterinary medicine and the European diploma in veterinary internal medicine. View full article <http://inpractice.bmj.com/content/31/12/full.pdf>

## **CURRENT VACCINATIONS STRATEGIES IN DOGS AND CATS**

**Marlies Böhm**

### **MATERNALLY DERIVED ANTIBODIES AND THE WINDOW OF SUSCEPTIBILITY**

Neonates (newborns) absorb antibodies from colostrum (milk produced by mother immediately after birth). The amount of antigen available in colostrum depends on the immune status and disease history of the mother. The amount absorbed varies between individuals in the litter according to how much colostrum is taken in. The half-life of maternally derived antibodies ranges from seven to 15 days, depending on the antigen, and antibody levels decrease at a uniform rate. As vaccine virus is attenuated, it is also less infective than wild virus. Thus, all neonates that have maternally derived antibodies go through a stage where they have enough antibody to block effective vaccination, but not enough to prevent infection with more virulent field strains of virus. This is referred to as the window of susceptibility.

### **VACCINATION FREQUENCY**

#### **PUPPIES AND KITTENS**

A single good quality modified live parvovirus (CPV) vaccine will trigger immunity if it is given at the correct time (i.e. when maternally derived antibodies have fallen low enough to allow immunisation). Only repeated serology will determine when a puppy or kitten will first be able to seroconvert (develop detectable antibodies). In most cases this is not practical. Multiple doses of vaccine are therefore given. The vaccination interval will be determined mainly by the chance exposure of the puppy or kitten to infectious disease, but should be no less than every two weeks. If given more frequently, interferon mounted in response to the first course of vaccine will inhibit antibody synthesis triggered by the second. Killed vaccines should be used no more than four weeks apart, otherwise they will lose their priming effect. Note, however, these are generalisations and manufacturers' recommendations on the use of a specific product should be adhered to.

#### **ADULTS**

In the case of canine viral antigens, adult boosters are expected to seroconvert the few dogs that have experienced a decline in immunity. In a group of 144 pet dogs in the UK that had not been vaccinated for 3 to 15 years, 95% had protective canine parvovirus titres, 72% had protective canine distemper virus titres and 82% had protective canine adenovirus titres. O'Driscoll (1997), a lay author, questioned whether annual vaccination was necessary and even harmful. This was

broadcast on television and started a public debate. The author’s concerns were based on the findings of Duval and Giger (1996), who reported an association between autoimmune haemolytic anaemia and recent vaccination in dogs. In addition epidemiological studies linked an increase in the number of cases of aggressive sarcoma at injection sites in cats in the USA with adjuvanted rabies or feline leukaemia virus vaccines.

These concerns initiated a debate about extended vaccination intervals, which subsequently led to vaccines being divided into two groups: core and non-core vaccines. Core vaccines are indicated for all animals, but non-core are only required for those individuals in which lifestyle, concurrent diseases or geographic situations place them at greater risk from rare or relatively less pathogenic agents.

CORE VACCINES	NON-CORE VACCINES
Canine parvovirus	Rabies (obligatory where endemic and for travelling to/from endemic areas)
Canine distemper virus	Parainfluenza, bordetella species (indicated for kennelling and shows)
Canine adenovirus	Canine coronavirus (indicated if virus has been isolated in outbreaks)
Leptospira species	Babesia (indicated in endemic areas)

Core vaccines are highly effective; safe; protective against diseases that have a high mortality or are highly infectious; protective against zoonoses.

Non-core vaccines, meanwhile:

Protect against diseases with a low mortality or those that may be treated effectively; protect against diseases that only specific population segments are at risk from.

**ADOLESCENTS**

In general, a booster at 12 to 15 months of age is essential in both dogs and cats, as it seroconverts those individuals that, for some reason, did not respond to the initial course of vaccination.

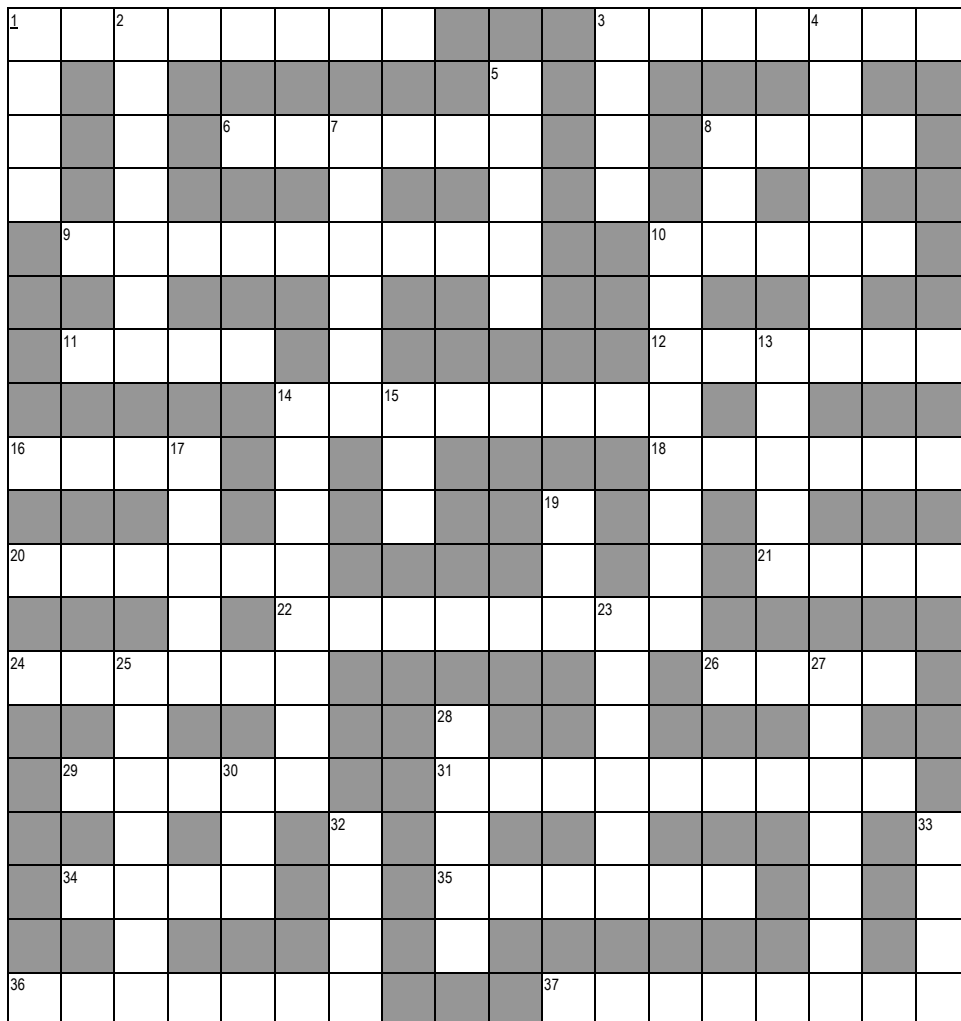
**EXTENDED BOOSTER VACCINATION INTERVALS**

**DOGS**

Several multivalent vaccines are supported by challenge studies for an extended vaccination interval of three years (Nobivac range, Intervet/Schering-Plough; Duramune range, Fort Dodge) or four years (Procyon range, Intervet/Schering-Plough) for the core canine antigens (canine parvovirus, canine distemper virus and canine adenovirus). Pfizer has serological data to support a three year duration of immunity for its Vanguard vaccines. Rabies vaccines are usually supported by challenge studies for a three year duration of immunity. It seems unlikely that more frequent vaccination with these particular products will result in an improved immunity in the vast majority of dogs. As experience has shown that all vaccines are not necessarily equal, it would be logical to use only vaccines that have data to support an extended duration of immunity in this manner. More frequent vaccination could be considered in the face of an outbreak or if animals are malnourished or carry a severe worm burden when initially vaccinated. Leptospirosis vaccines are killed bacterins and although challenge studies show that immunity is maintained for a year, it is thought likely that it will not persist for much longer than this. Therefore, leptospirosis vaccines need to be given annually if protection is thought to be desirable.

# BOXER CROSSWORD

Crafted by Ken Hull



## ACROSS

1. A Boxer should show this royal quality (8)
3. Stripes are the colour fashion (7)
6. This should be well-turned (6)
8. Dark and full of expression (4)
9. The normal type of jaw in a Boxer (9)
10. He is worthy of this even in old age (5)



11. Gives a Boxer his distinctive appearance (5)
12. With correct lips like this a Boxer can take the blows (6)
14. The enthusiast will get one at Crufts (7)
16. Without good "spring of rib" a Boxer is .....-sided (4)
18. Very close matings (6)
20. In profile the Boxer shapes up (6)
21. In short carried high rather than low (4)
22. Wide on either side of the line (8)
24. 21 traditionally tied up (6)
26. A slip finishes the muzzle (4)
29. Make space to understand the breed (5)
31. Must be visible from the side (9)
34. Boxers will show up in one (4)
35. Hope you haven't needed one for this puzzle (6)
36. Your Boxer should have a reputable one (7)
37. Blend this with substance for the correct Boxer (8)

#### DOWN

1. Not quite the sharp end of a Boxer (4)
2. What a good Boxer judge looks for overall (7)
3. Short, firm, straight and broad (4)
4. Appropriately ready to exhibit your dog (7)
5. The judge doesn't want to see these but will look for them (5)
7. Where every sensible Boxer prefers to live (6)
8. Not rosy but a nice ornament (3)
10. Quality ancestors hold firm on the move (8)
13. First time in the ring (5)
14. Another welcome characteristic of Boxers (8)
15. Clowns of the dog world play in Australia (3)
17. The required colour of the disguise (5)
19. The Boxer Breed Standard applied in South Africa (3)
23. .... & Friends, a song for Boxers (6)
25. Boxers pussyfoot around the shape of their feet (7)
27. Slopes slightly in forequarters (7)
28. A good time to deal with placentas (5)
30. A male of the species (3)
32. When seen from here the hocks should be parallel (4)
33. Pretty shape but faulty I hear (4)

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## NEWS FROM THE OVERBERG

As I am writing, Ireland and South Africa are matching each other. Both teams are my favourite sportsmen. When Dave and I watched these two countries, whether rugby

or cricket, we always supported both teams, and before the game began, with the national anthems being sung, we would happily say "May the best team win". Well, indeed, the best team did win!

The summer with its heat has taken its toil in many of the dry areas with fierce, frightening fires, sadly I must say, not always started by a freak of nature, but by ruthless and careless people.

As mentioned in my last article, I have just about covered the herbal remedies, but there are still a few that I would like to work on in the future and then pass that on to you. These are very common everyday plants, mostly regarded as weeds. Look out for these in my next article.

With the summer still giving us heat that could harm our animals in the worst degree, let us take extra care of our dear Boxers. I am always on the lookout for any animal in distress, whether domestic or in the fields. I had a case reported to me the other day of a baby lamb in the field near the road between Napier and Bredasdorp, where a traveller saw the lamb in distress and when we went to the owner, the answer we got sounded something like this: "We cannot care for every animal that is born."

Why am I bringing this up? This very important subject arises so often with all species. Domestic animals are the most affected by this abuse. That is why I decided to do this simple article that should touch all our hearts.

We have Boxers because we love them. We breed puppies only if we have people who would like a puppy from the specific parents, not because the children would like to see the puppies being born or to see if the so-called new owner would make a good breeder. All you breeders out there will know that one. Please stay clear of such enquiries.

Here are my definitions:

What is a Breeder? Who is a Breeder?

A Breeder with a capital B is one who thirsts for knowledge and never really knows it all, one who wants to listen and learn and who wrestles with issues of conscience, convenience and COMMITMENT.

A Breeder is one who sacrifices personal interest, finances, time, friendship, fancy furniture and deep pile carpeting!! She/he gives up dreams of a long, luxurious holiday in favour of turning that all important show into this year's "vacation".

A Breeder goes without sleep (but never without coffee) in hours spent planning a breeding or watching anxiously over the birth and afterwards, over every little sneeze, wiggle or cry.

A Breeder skips dinner parties because the babies are due or the babies have to be fed at eight!! A Breeder disregards birth fluids and puts mouth to mouth to save a gasping newborn, blowing life into a tiny, helpless little creature - created by Our All Mighty Creator - that might be the culmination of a lifetime of dreams.

Let us guide people that are so keen to become A Breeder and perhaps they will be more keen to put restrictions on the breed details.

It saddens one's heart to see how many of our beloved Boxers end up, even at an old age, looking for new homes. Let us as Breeders when selling a puppy, especially a little female, follow up on the future of that puppy.

It is now the day that St. Patrick chased all the snakes out of Ireland and on that note I wish ye all a Happy Paddy's Day.

Until next time

*Rina Black*

# CRUFTS AND TAIL DOCKING

## dfsCRUFTS ENTRIES RELEASED BY KENNEL CLUB

Kennel Club entry figures for dfsCrufts revealed that 21 422 dogs would be competing, a small drop of 400.

Overall the number of dogs competing had fallen 2.4% compared to last year, but the greatest proportion of the fall had come from amongst those breeds that were traditionally docked and are no longer allowed to be shown. Amongst the dogs with the biggest numerical drops were traditionally docked breeds including Boxers (down by 67 from 254 to 187), Cocker Spaniels (down by 48 from 394 to 346), Yorkshire Terriers (down 45 from 128 to 83), German Shorthaired Pointers (down 44 from 179 to 135), Rottweilers (down 43 from 315 to 272), and Dobermanns (down 42 from 220 to 178). In total, 75% of the overall fall of dog numbers between 2010 and 2011 came from the traditionally docked breeds.

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# Just A Dog



From time to time people tell me, "Lighten up, it's just a dog," or, "That's a lot of money for just a dog." They don't understand the distance travelled, time spent, or costs involved for "Just a dog." Some of my proudest moments have come about with "Just a dog." Many hours have passed with my only company being "Just a dog," and not once have I felt slighted. Some of my saddest moments were brought about by "Just a dog." In those days of darkness the gentle touch of "Just a dog" provided comfort and purpose to overcome the day.

If you too think it's "Just a dog" you will probably understand phrases like "Just a friend," "Just a sunrise," or "Just a promise." "Just a dog" brings into my life the very essence of friendship, trust and pure unbridled joy. "Just a dog" brings out the compassion and patience which makes me a better person. Because of "Just a dog" I will rise early, take long walks and look longingly to the future.

For me and folks like me, it's not "Just a dog." It's an embodiment of all the hopes and dreams of the future, the fond memories of the past, and the pure joy of the moment. "Just a dog" brings out what's good in me and diverts my thoughts away from myself and the worries of the day.

I hope that someday people can understand that it's not "Just a dog." It's the thing that gives me humanity and keeps me from being "Just a man or woman."

So, the next time you hear the phrase "Just a dog," smile, because they "Just Don't Understand."

Author Unknown  
Submitted by Jennifer Neish

# LEO

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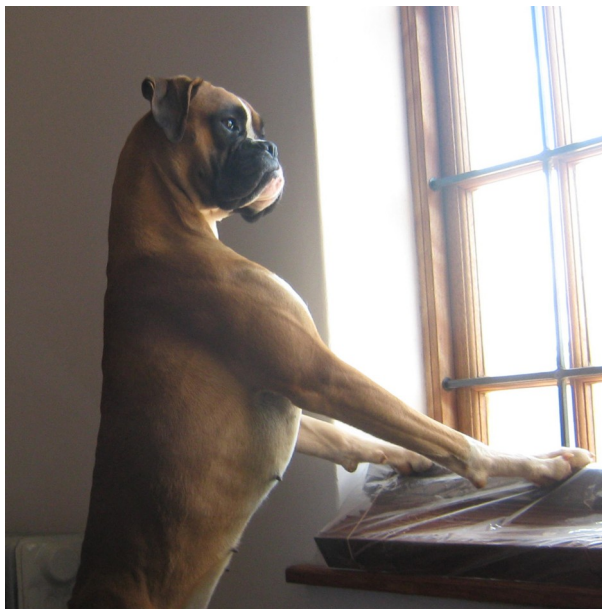
In loving memory of Leo,  
our 13 year old Boxer,  
who was a faithful companion  
and loving dog.

He has now joined Peter, his owner, who has been  
waiting for the past 2 years for him.

Rest well, we will never forget  
and stop loving you.  
From Rita, Stephanie, Bianca and Thomas



# DAISY



Run free, little Daisy  
Run into that space  
Where there's stars in your eyes  
And the wind in your face.  
Your great love of life  
Was a pleasure for all  
Whether traipsing the fields  
Or just chasing a ball.  
Your spirit lives on  
In the wind and the skies  
We'll miss you, sweet girl  
With our tears and our cries.  
But God calls us home  
Each one in our turn  
We'll ne'er forget you  
Though your presence we'll yearn.

Sleep tight, little one. You were  
deeply loved and you'll be greatly  
missed. Play free in the fields.  
Chase rabbits all day. And prepare  
a place for when it's our turn to  
run free.

Monique

TANYATI ALL AGLOW AT JAKKALSDANS

Born 22/10/2008 Died 02/02/2011

Breeder: Monique Hodgkinson Owner: Marlien Heystek

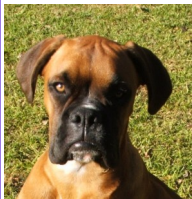
# BOXER RESCUE

During January, February and March Boxer Rescue was inundated with calls from people asking for help with rehoming their Boxers. At one stage in those weeks, appeals to help find homes for 8 Boxers came in on one day. Luckily, through our website, and many e-mails later, some of these Boxers have now been rehomed.

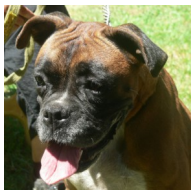
One of those happy Boxers is Bailey, who found a new family with Chris Bailey! The Bailey family went to meet Boxer Bailey and took him home that same evening, where he settled in right away. He has been to visit Chris' parents who own two Boxers, Lulu and Cassie, where he had a great time playing with the girls.



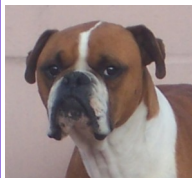
There are however currently 4 Boxers still looking for forever homes:



Chilli (4 year old male), should be homed with female dogs, does not get on with other males. Contact Jimmy 083 228 3746.



Bonny (5 year old female) Not coping well at rescue. Her partner Clyde died of cancer recently. The two dogs had received no attention or socialization from their previous owners



Rocky (3 year old male), loving and well behaved. Owners moving into complex, son is allergic to dogs. He mingles well with other dogs when out for walks. Contact Liesl Solomons on 084 581 7823

and became very dependent on each other. She is not good with other animals, but loves people. Not sure how she would be with young children. Unlikely that she has ever been in a house. Just all alone with Clyde in a back yard with no attention ever.

Contact Denay on 076 224 2207  
Uitsig Animal Rescue



Marmite (3 year old female), Still a puppy at heart, very playful and loving. A little cautious of strange new things. Contact Lizanne Vorster on 084 511 8625

**BOXER RESCUE**

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