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Official Newsletter of the Western Province Boxer Club



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Photo: M Hodgkinson



From the Editor

Hello Everyone,

Well, our Sixtieth Anniversary year is well and truly behind us and I think your committee looks back with more than just a touch of satisfaction on the celebrations, which went off without any major hitches and was much enjoyed by all.

Hopefully this year will be a little less hectic, but as you will see the calendar is well filled with events for us to look forward to and we hope to see our members at many of these. We have quite a few new litter members and we welcome them and their Boxer babies who will hopefully be striding their stuff in the new Baby Puppy and the normal Puppy classes at championship shows. The cover and a few photographs in this issue show some of these puppies having fun at one of our Sunday socials.

Quite a few committee changes came about at the AGM held on 10th March. One of dogdom's legends, Doreen Powell, decided that the time had come for her to step down from the committee after many many years of dedicated hard work. However, she is still our President and together with Patron Roy Joynt assured us that they would be keeping a close eye on the club and its affairs. We were extremely happy to find Doreen firmly ensconced, helping Fay to run things at the table at our Trophy Show. Doreen has also agreed to judge our championship show in October.

Ken Hull decided to take a break from being chairman and is vice-chairman this year. Jacqui Verrinder agreed to take on the job of chairman and Monique Hodgkinson is our new treasurer after Alice Rossouw also decided that enough is enough! Lynn Etheridge joined the committee as member and the other familiar faces are still there.

Marlien Heystek
Editor



WHAT'S ON?

calendar of events

	CLUB	TYPE	EVENTS	CONTACT
APRIL				
5 th	Uitenhage KC	CH	BR,CA, HCL	084 959 8136
6 th	Walmer & Suburban KC	CH	BR,CA, HCL	041 379 4880
7 th	Port Elizabeth KC	CH	BR,CA, HCL	041 365 7737
14 th	Breede Rivier KC	Open	BR, DJ,AG,FLY	021 904 3454
MAY				
11-12 th	WP Aptitude Sub Committee	Apt	APT, DMA	083 699 1415
25 th	East London KC	CH	BR, HCL	083 549 1767
25 th	Quinera Working & Herding	CH	BR	083 549 1767
26 th	Port Rex KC	CH	BR, HCL	083 549 1767
JUNE				
15 th	Outeniqua KC	CH	BR, HCL	082 925 0561
16 th	George KC	CH	BR, HCL	082 925 0561
22 nd	Swartland KC	CH	BR	083 457 2659
23 rd	West Coast	CH	BR	083 457 2659
OCTOBER				
6 th	WP Boxer Club	Open	OB, DJ, AG, FLY	071 138 4385
19 th	WP Boxer Club	CH	BR	071 138 4385



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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

WHO'S WHO

2013 / 2014

WPBC COMMITTEE



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Doreen Powell	President	Tel: 021 715 9758 e-mail: drn.pwl@gmail.com
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SABOX / KUSA

HEART MURMUR SCHEME FOR BOXERS

	KENNEL UNION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA	
CARDIAC MURMUR CERTIFICATION SCHEME FOR BOXERS		
PLEASE SUBMIT COMPLETED CERTIFICATE TO: South African Boxer Breed Council (KUSA), P O Box 86, MOORREESBURG 7310 Fax: 086 245 0624 e-mail address: jakkalsdans@telkomsa.net		
CARDIAC MURMUR CERTIFICATION FOR BOXER		
NB – Certification does not imply genetic normality or guarantee that the named dog and its subsequent progeny are free from any inheritable congenital defects, nor does it guarantee any standard of performance of the named dog.		
DECLARATION BY OWNER:		
Registered name of Boxer: _____		
NB Copy of registration certificate to be attached herewith		
Registration No: _____	Microchip No: _____	
Date of birth: _____ (Boxer must be 12 months or older)	Sex: _____	Colour: _____
Name of owner: _____		
Address: _____		Tel No: _____
I declare that the particulars stated above are correct and are of the Boxer examined today for cardiac murmur certification. I understand that the results of the examination are to be forwarded to KUSA, who may place the results on their database for inclusion on pedigrees/registration certificates or publication on the SABOX website.		
Signature of owner: _____		Date: _____
DECLARATION BY VETERINARIAN:		
Name of veterinarian: _____		
Name of practice: _____		
Address or stamp: _____		Tel No: _____
I hereby declare that:		
1. The microchip number for the above Boxer has been verified.		
2. The Boxer was auscultated for cardiac murmurs on _____		
3. I have read and applied the guidelines for cardiac auscultation for certification.		
NO cardiac murmurs indicative of congenital cardiac abnormalities were detected during auscultation.		
Cardiac murmurs which could be indicative of congenital cardiac abnormalities were detected during auscultation and this Boxer should be referred for echocardiography (colour Doppler imaging) before being bred from.		
Signature of veterinarian: _____		Date: _____

To all Boxer Owners:

Next time you take your Boxer for his/her vaccinations or annual check-up, please take along a copy of the heart murmur certificate (this can be downloaded from www.saboxer.co.za under HEART TESTED BOXERS) and ask your vet to complete and sign it. Please submit the results to:
Fax: 086 245 0624
e-mail: jakkalsdans@telkomsa.net
or post to: SABOX, P O Box 86, MOORREESBURG 7310.

The results will be recorded on the SABOX website and also forwarded to KUSA for their records.
It is important for breeders to not only know the status of their breeding stock, but also of the offspring they produce.

Heart murmurs (in adult Boxers) are an indication that conditions such as

aortic or pulmonic stenosis are present in the dog. It is an inherited condition, it cannot be controlled with medication like some other heart conditions and it can lead to sudden death in affected Boxers of any age.

Your co-operation would be much appreciated.

Marlien Heystek
SABOX Chairman

SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

Members are reminded that annual subscriptions are due by 1st January 2013.
If you have not yet renewed, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

Subscriptions are:

Single: R60.00 per annum. **Family:** R75.00 per annum. **Litter Membership:** R40.00

Bank details:

Nedbank

Milnerton Branch: 109309

Account: W P Boxer Club

Account Number: 1093047224

Cheques to be made payable to: WP Boxer Club.

Enquiries:

Monique: 082 570 3410

Fay: 071 138 4385

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PET-FRIENDLY ACCOMMODATION



Cape Town – South Africa



Viola & Owl Cottages



BLOUBERGRANT/TABLE VIEW, CAPE TOWN

Two tastefully furnished and equipped Pet Friendly/Safe Cottages situated in a quiet residential area just 5 mins from the beach overlooking Table Mountain and Robben Island. Close to all amenities.

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

Interaction between visiting dogs impossible.

Gated access to Pool for owners' peace of mind.

Secure off road parking for vehicles and trailers.

Bedding and towels provided and changed during stay.

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

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

www.violacottage.co.za

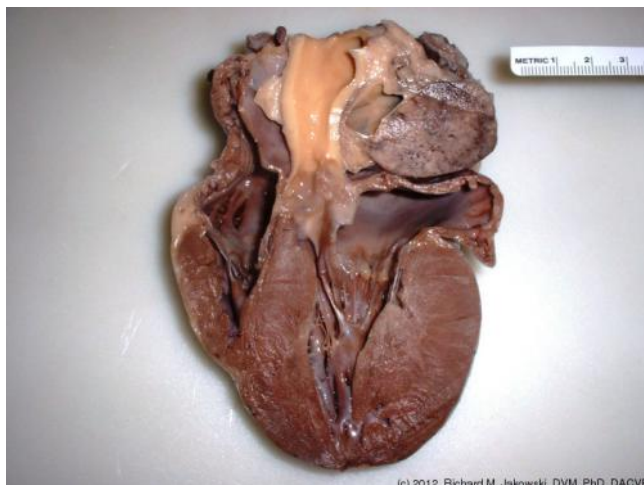
and see for yourself the many complimentary comments from previous guests.

*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
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Chemodectomas in Dogs



Source: Richard Jacowski DVM PhD DACVP
www.tufts.edu

Chemodectomas are generally benign tumours that grow from the chemoreceptor tissue of the body. These are the tissues that are most sensitive to chemical changes in the body, such as oxygen content and pH levels in the blood. While chemoreceptor tissues can be located throughout the body, chemodectomas mainly affect the chemoreceptor organs: the aorta and the carotid organs (i.e., heart and carotid artery).

Chemodectomas are relatively uncommon in dogs, but there does appear to be some breed and age predilection. Boxers

and Boston Terriers, especially those over the age of ten, are most commonly affected. In addition, males tend to be more predisposed to aortic body tumours, while carotid body tumours show no gender predilection.

Symptoms and Types

Aortic body tumours occur on the aortic artery near the base of the heart. They are rarely of a malignant nature; they will grow within the space but not spread to the surrounding organs. These tumours become a health concern when their growth displaces the trachea, when they grow into the adjacent vessels, or when their growth places pressure on the atria or vena cava, impairing their functionality for conveying blood to the body and heart. Symptoms associated with aortic body tumors include:

- ◆ Coughing
- ◆ Trouble breathing
- ◆ Symptoms of right-sided congestive heart failure (CHF)
- ◆ Weakness, lethargy

Carotid body tumours, meanwhile, occur on the common carotid artery near the point of bifurcation -- where the artery splits into the internal and external carotid arteries. These arteries carry oxygenated blood to the head and neck, and are located in the neck. Because of this relation to the major arterial passages, carotid body tumours are often impossible to remove. In the majority of cases, these tumours remain slow growing but benign, and as with aortic tumours, they become a health issue when they invade the spaces of the adjacent blood vessels and lymphatic vessels. In an estimated 30 percent of cases, metastasis may occur into the surrounding organs, such as the lungs, bronchia or lymph nodes, or further into the liver or pancreas. Symptoms associated with carotid body tumours include:

- ◆ Regurgitation
- ◆ Vomiting`

Heart and Carotid Artery Tumours in Dogs

CHEMODECTOMA

Submitted by Chris and Mike Brown, whose Boxer Julius succumbed to this condition last year.

- ◆ Trouble with eating (anorexia)
- ◆ Lump in the neck

Other symptoms seen in dogs affected by either body tumour type include:

- ◆ Severe haemorrhaging due to tumours in the blood vessels (can lead to sudden death)
- ◆ Metastasis to local blood vessels (up to 50 percent of cases)
- ◆ Organ failure due to cancerous growths (up to 20 percent of cases)

Causes

It is suspected that chronic lack of oxygen may be involved in chemodectoma development. This may explain why flat-faced (brachycephalic) breeds develop it more often. It is further suspected that environment may play a role in the growth of the tumour, as high altitudes may exacerbate lack of oxygen (hypoxemia) in disposed breeds.

Diagnosis

After performing a thorough physical exam on your dog and taking a complete medical history from you, your veterinarian will order a chemical blood profile, complete blood count, urinalysis, and electrolyte panel. The results of these tests will give some indication of the whether the cancer has spread in the body. If haemorrhaging is occurring, anaemia may be present, and if metastasis is taking place, higher than normal liver enzymes may be present in the bloodstream.

Chest X-rays will be used to identify the location of the mass and to check for cancer spread to the lungs or spine. A heart ultrasound will also be performed, and if heart impairment is suspected, an electrocardiogram (EKG) may be used to measure the heart's ability to conduct electrical signals. If possible, a tissue sample will be taken from the mass for biopsy. This will provide a definite diagnosis.

Treatment

Unfortunately, the prognosis for dogs with either of these types of tumours is grim. It is often very difficult to remove these tumours, and they will continue to grow until functioning of the surrounding vessels of organs is impaired to the point of cardiac arrest or organ failure. Cancer treating therapies, such as radiotherapy, can sometimes be used along with surgery to slow down the spread of these cancers.

Living and Management

Your dog will need to be re-evaluated by your veterinarian at least every three months for chest X-rays, as well as a physical exam to monitor for recurrence or spread of the cancer.

Source:

http://www.petmd.com/dog/conditions/cardiovascular/c_dg_chemodectoma

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Stanwix Dolce Vita owned by Frieda and Hans Verheye

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

Nicole Alers, Newlands, 074 189 2824, animalantics@olive.com

Louise Botha, Hermanus, 083 264 2912, info@caninecapers.co.za

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



Maroelani Dior Dauphine



Manitoka Aphrodite



Manny



Gentry's Quantum Leap



Ch Thasrite Charlize

Dawkendale Playing Tricks

Ch Tortuga Jumpin Jack Flash at Stanwix

WESTERN PROVINCE BOXER CLUB ANNUAL TROPHY SHOW

16th March 2013

JUDGE: Mrs Nicky Robertson (WC)



Please note: Pictures were supplied by Fay Roberts - camera was hers but I think a variety of fingers pressed the shutter - Ed

REPORT: WPBC ANNUAL TROPHY SHOW

JUDGE: Mrs Nicky Robertson (WC)

'As with all things made up of living matter there is no perfection – just the beauty which is in the eye of the beholder.' N.R 2013

INTRODUCTION:

Firstly I would like to thank the Secretary and Committee of the Western Province Boxer Club for inviting me to judge this show. It was truly an honour and a privilege to do so.

Secondly I would like to thank all the exhibitors who brought their dogs for me to appraise.

And lastly to Michelle Martin who delivered an excellent performance as my Ring Steward – she kept the dogs (and exhibitors) and marking sheets in order which is always a thankless and difficult task.

Making the judging decisions as to which were the best dogs was a lot harder than I anticipated as there were a number of very good dogs presented to me.

My eventual choices were based on criteria which I view as essential in any working breed's dog: the dog should be able to do what he was bred for, thus emulating soundness and acceptable temperament and the dog should enhance the Breed Standard by its physical appearance.

My congratulations to the winners!

BEST IN SHOW:

Ch Tortuga Jumpin Jack Flash at Stanwix, owned by Jacqui Verrinder, bred by Johan Kieser.

This very typical young male dog entered the ring in a lively and fast trot with his head up displaying a fearless and confident attitude. He was height to weight proportional, front to rear assembly balanced and carried no extra weight.

He had no objection to being examined by a stranger and responded well to his handler's orders and was responsive and outgoing in his demeanour.

On stack examination: a good proportional head characteristic of the breed, with eyes, nose, jaw / teeth, lips, ears, expression and crown line all contributing to the well completed design.

The neck formed an elegant arch and melted into the marked withers while the body was well muscled and compact with strong correctly angulated limbs. The tail was docked.

The coat was a glossy brindle colour and was well fitting with soft tissue pigmentation correct.

No gait impediments were noted during exhibition.

He was handled and presented in a professional manner.

A worthy recipient of the Best in Show award.

RESERVE BEST IN SHOW:

Dawkendale Playing Tricks, owned and bred by Ken and Dawn Hull

A very pleasing adult male with the required bone substance, balance and symmetry that stood within the height / weight ratios: he was well muscled with a confident and lively bearing.

CLASS	DOGS		OWNER
BABY PUPPY	1 st	Charlie	Sean & Keisha Bonthuys
MINOR PUPPY	1 st	Manny	Kristin van der Hoven
PUPPY	1 st	Gentry's Quantum Leap	M Hodgkinson & M Heystek
JUNIOR	1 st	Dexterr	Nicole Ashton
OPEN	1 st	Dawkendale Playing Tricks	Ken & Dawn Hull
	2 nd	Polgara Curtain Call for Jakkalsdans	Marlien Heystek
CHAMPION	1 st	Ch Tortuga Jumpin Jack Flash of Stanwix	Jacqui Verrinder
CLASS	BITCHES		OWNER
BABY PUPPY	1 st	Maroelani Dior Dauphine	Marius Kretzmer
MINOR PUPPY	1 st	Mardusmara Gemma	Margot Holtrop
PUPPY	1 st	Manitoka Aphrodite	Alice Rossouw
VETERAN	1 st	Ch Thasrite Charlise	Fay Roberts
OPEN	1 st	Tanyati I'm Familiar Too	Monique Hodgkinson
BEST IN SHOW	Ch Tortuga Jumpin Jack Flash of Stanwix		Jacqui Verrinder
R BEST IN SHOW	Dawkendale Playing Tricks		Ken & Dawn Hull
BEST CHAMPION	Ch Tortuga Jumpin Jack Flash of Stanwix		Jacqui Verrinder
BEST VETERAN	Ch Thasrite Charlise		Fay Roberts
BEST SENIOR	Dawkendale Playing Tricks		Ken & Dawn Hull
R BEST SENIOR	Tanyati I'm Familiar Too		Monique Hodgkinson
BEST JUNIOR	Dexterr		Nicole Ashton
BEST PUPPY	Manitoka Aphrodite		Alice Rossouw
R BEST PUPPY	Gentry's Quantum Leap		M Hodgkinson & M Heystek
BEST HEAD	Dexterr		Nicole Ashton
BEST MOVEMENT	Tanyati I'm Familiar Too		Monique Hodgkinson
BEST RED	Maroelani Dior Dauphine		Marius Kretzmer
BEST BRINDLE	Kingsley		Tina Angelos & Jonathan Sher
BEST RESCUE & BEST PLAIN	Giro		Conrad & Verena Wiegiersma

His head was characteristic of the Breed Standard; it was balanced and proportional with good expression and harmony.

His gait was smooth with excellent front reach and rear drive: his back / backline remained stable throughout confirming his correct angulations.

The coat was brindle and well tendered: the tail was docked and was carried high and with attitude.

This dog was on par with the BIS.

He was handled and presented well.

BEST PUPPY IN SHOW

Manitoka Aphrodite, bred and owned by Alice Rossouw.

This was a delightful bitch puppy with a clear red/fawn colouring and she was presented to advantage. She was obviously still in a growth phase but was compact, symmetrical and proportional throughout with muscular definition and bone to age and sex while remaining feminine.

She had a delightful demeanour, was unperturbed by the show activities and was amenable to being handled by a stranger.

Her head was characteristic and was well held up by a neck of ample length. Her back / backline remained stable on the move and her angulations, both front and rear, were good which was confirmed her gait which was without impediment.

She was assessed as a very pleasing specimen.

CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW RESULTS

Ch Titanwolverine Firefighter of Montala

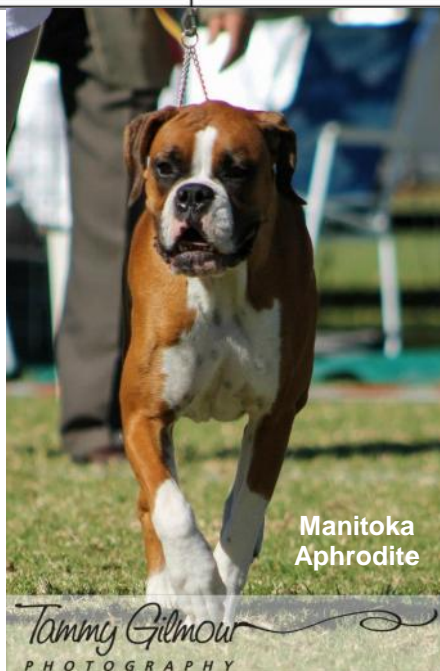


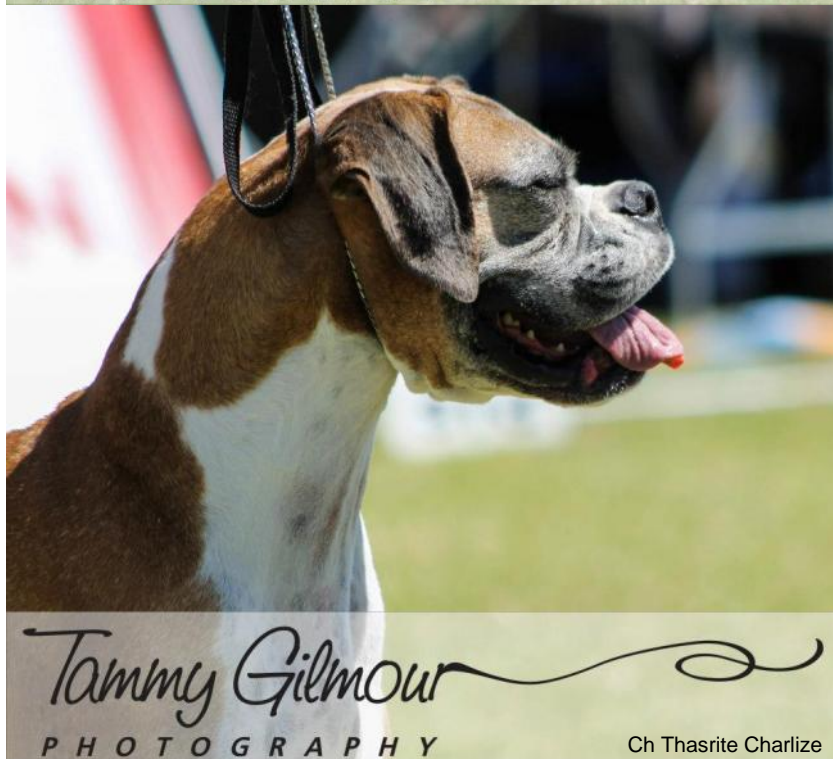
Ch Thasrite Charlize



KENNEL ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW – 2nd MARCH 2013 – MR PERCY GREEN (SA)

CLASS	DOGS		OWNER
JUNIOR	1 st	Dexterr	Nicole Ashton
OPEN	1 st	Dawkendale Playing Tricks	Ken & Dawn Hull
	2 nd	Tanyati Headline News	Monique Hodgkinson
	3 rd	Polgara Curtain Call for Jakkalsdans	Marlien Heystek
CHAMPION	1 st	Ch Titanwolverine Fire Fighter of Montala	Wayne Streak
	2 nd	Ch Tortuga Jumpin Jack Flash of Stanwix	Jacqui Verrinder
CC	Dexterr		Nicole Ashton
RCC	Dawkendale Playing Tricks		Ken & Dawn Hull
CLASS	BITCHES		OWNER
MINOR PUPPY	1 st	Mardusmara Gemma	Margot Holtrop
PUPPY	1 st	Manitoka Aphrodite	Alice Rossouw
JUNIOR	1 st	Montala Strides Ahead	Wayne Streak
VETERAN	1 st	Ch Thasrite Charlize	Fay Roberts
CC	Manitoka Aphrodite		Alice Rossouw
RCC	Montala Strides Ahead		Wayne Streak
BEST OF BREED GROUP 4 th	Ch Titanwolverine Fire Fighter of Montala		Wayne Streak
R BEST OF BREED	Dexterr		Nicole Ashton
BEST PUPPY PUPPY GROUP 3 rd	Manitoka Aphrodite		Alice Rossouw
BEST JUNIOR JUNIOR GROUP 1 st BEST JNR IN SHOW	Dexterr		Nicole Ashton
BEST VETERAN VET GROUP 1 st	Ch Thasrite Charlize		Fay Roberts





LIESBEEK KC CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW – 3rd MARCH 2013 – Mrs PAT DE CONING (SA)

CLASS	DOGS		OWNER
JUNIOR	1 st	Dexterr	Nicole Ashton
OPEN	1 st	Tanyati Headline News	Monique Hodgkinson
	2 nd	Polgara Curtain Call for Jakkalsdans	Marlien Heystek
	3 rd	Dawkendale Playing Tricks	Ken & Dawn Hull
CHAMPION	1 st	Ch Titanwolverine Fire Fighter of Montala	Wayne Streak
	2 nd	Ch Tortuga Jumpin Jack Flash of Stanwix	Jacqui Verrinder
CC	Tanyati Headline News		Monique Hodgkinson
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VETERAN	1 st	Ch Thasrite Charlize	Fay Roberts
CC	Manitoka Aphrodite		Alice Rossouw
RCC	Montala Strides Ahead		Wayne Streak
BEST OF BREED	Ch Titanwolverine Fire Fighter of Montala		Wayne Streak
R BEST OF BREED	Manitoka Aphrodite		Alice Rossouw
BEST PUPPY	Manitoka Aphrodite		Alice Rossouw
PUPPY GROUP 2 nd			
BEST JUNIOR	Montala Strides Ahead		Wayne Streak
JUNIOR GROUP 2 nd			
BEST VETERAN	Ch Thasrite Charlize		Fay Roberts
VET GROUP 1 st			



Have you ever thought of doing...

AGILITY



The Boxer is an energetic, extrovert working breed. They love nothing better than doing "things" with their people. A few activities that you and your Boxer might enjoy are outlined briefly on the following pages.

Agility is an exciting, fast-moving sport, much enjoyed by both competitors and spectators. The dog has to negotiate, as fast as possible without making mistakes, a course consisting of a number of obstacles such as long and free jumps, an A-frame, a see-saw, different kinds of tunnel and weaving poles.

CANINE GOOD CITIZEN

Canine Good Citizen tests are not competitions.

The scheme encourages and stresses responsible dog ownership, the ability of the owner to care for the dog and ensure that the dog is socially acceptable. Dogs and handlers are assessed in everyday situations at 3 levels of increasing difficulty (Bronze, Silver and Gold). Tests include standing for examination, walking on a loose lead, reaction to strange dogs, people and situations. Subsequent tests assess control in more difficult situations, such as traffic, in the presence of food, getting in a vehicle and so on.



Ronnie & Bennett



Michelle & Tara



Jacqui & Abbi

Aptitude testing provides dog owners with an effective tool to determine the inherent natural mental potential of dogs used for breeding. It assesses, inter alia, approachability, drive to hunt, nervous stability, defensive behaviour, aggression and the ability of the dog to work off and calm down quickly after being exposed to stressful situations. Dogs are not trained for this test - it is aimed at evaluating the inborn instincts and drives of the dog. During the test the dog must solve a number of problems and cope with stressful situations by itself, without any assistance or commands from its handler.

Minimum age for the Aptitude Test is 22 months, but it is better to wait until a Boxer is about 3 years old. Minimum age for the young dog assessment (DMA) is 12 months.

APTITUDE

A BREED ASSESSMENT

SABOX Breed Assessments are breeding suitability evaluations, devised to determine whether a Boxer is free of physical and mental weaknesses or faults which could have a negative influence on its soundness, type, working ability and by implication, its suitability for breeding purposes. It is not a competition and no prior training is required. Participating Boxers will be graded (Excellent, Very Good, Good, Insufficient or Not Gradable) but will not be placed in order of merit, nor will any prizes be awarded. The Assessor completes a comprehensive evaluation form which is handed to the owner. Minimum age: 15 months.

WORKING TRIALS

There are various different working trials in which Boxers can compete:

Classic Working Trials - Companion Dog (CD), Tracker Dog (TD1, TD2 & TD3) and Police Dog (PD).

International Working Trials (IPO 1, 2 & 3)

Tracker Trials (TT1 to TT5)



www.boxersvonbachbett.com



In all of these working trials handler-and-dog teams compete at increasing levels of difficulty and each trial includes a specific range of exercises such as obedience, jumping, nosework and protection work, where the dog has to apprehend and restrain an assailant.

There are a number of clubs in the Western Cape where training in the various type of working trials is on offer.

There are of course all sorts of other activities that might appeal to you and your Boxer:
To mention just a few:

SURFING



www.sfgate.com/pets/slideshow/Doggies-Paddle-at-the-Surf-City-Surf-Dog



Michelle's Rogan

BIKING



HIKING / JOGGING

BOXER RESCUE

I am a forever dog, not an “until dog”



**I'm not an “until you get bored with me” dog.
I'm not an “until you find a girlfriend” dog.
I'm not an “until you have a baby” dog.
I'm not an “until you have to move” dog.
I'm not an “until you have no time” dog.
I'm not an “until I get old” dog.
I'm a forever dog.**

**If you can't give me forever,
then I'm not the dog for you.**

IT'S REALLY THAT SIMPLE

BOXER RESCUE

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