

## WESTERN PROVINCE BOXER CLUB

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## **APTITUDE TEST**

Date: 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> September 2011

Closing Date: 25<sup>th</sup> August 2011

Time: 8h00 am each day. Allow aprox 45 mins per dog.

**Venue:** Groot Phizante Farm, Durbanville (R302)

Cost: R200.00 per dog
Test Leader: Mr Mike Eisler KZN

Judges: Mrs E Gallant and Mrs A Stanton (KZN)

Marshalls: N. Robertson, J. Van Rijswijk and P. Beukes

Minimum Age at time of Testing: Aptitude - 22 Months on day of test

D.M.A - 12 Months on day of test

Only dogs in good health will be tested. No bitches in season permitted

Aptitude Testing is essentially for Working Breeds, but can include some Hunting, Herding or Utility Breeds should any fanciers desire it. It tests steadiness of character, hunting drive, sociability, the ability to unwind rapidly after stressful situations etc.

This test was developed by the Swedish military. At present it is widely used in Scandinavian countries for pet animals too and has been approved by KUSA as a mental testing method.

Training is non-important, and dogs could be either trained or non-trained, as it simply reacts to a variety of stimuli, such as a mechanical rabbit, noises, shapes or creatures. The dog is put under some mental, but no physical stress between exercises; the dog is allowed to unwind totally before commencement of the next exercise. Although it is a non-mandatory test, the successful animal will receive a title, which will appear on their KUSA Reg. Certificates. It is a useful medium for discovering the mental make-up of one's breed or pets and can be of great use in any breeding programme.

Entries & Enquiries to: Hon. Secretary Tammy Gilmour (details above)

Only 8 dogs per day will be accepted. Acceptance will be based on a first come basis.

Banking Details: NEDBANK- Milnerton (Branch 109309) Account No 1093047224 - W P Boxer Club

Entries on a KUSA form please. Please indicate Day & time of choice.

Payment may be made directly in to our bank account and proof of entry to be faxed

Please note; entrants should arrive at least 1 hour before their test to watch the tests.

(All are welcome to stay for the whole day).

## DO NOT FEED YOUR DOGS 24 HRS PRIOR TO THE TEST

Refreshments will not be available, so please make sure you have enough food/drink with you. Also bring chairs and water for your dogs.

**NB.** No movement or leaving of the grounds during the test is allowed. Once started no one may leave the actual test area at all. No dogs are to be exercised or run off lead or loose during the tests.

**NB.** All exhibitors /handlers are personally responsible for the control of their dogs at all times and shall be personally liable for any claims which may be made in respect of injuries which may arise or be caused by their dogs.

**NB.** In the event of the non-availability of any test leader/judge/marshall the club to appoint another.