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THE SOUTH AFRICAN BOXER BREED SOCIETY



REPORT FROM SABOX TO THE FEDERAL COUNCIL

The inaugural meeting for the formation of a Breed Society for Boxers (SABOX) was held in Bloemfontein on 28th August 2004 and application made for its acceptance by KUSA. In November 2004 the KUSA Federal Council accepted SABOX as a breed council, in accordance with Article 20.4 of the KUSA Constitution and it also gave SABOX permission to use the draft Constitution submitted (based largely on that of the Rottweiler Breed Council), but certain amendments to this document were required before it would be accepted.

An amended draft incorporating the changes stipulated was submitted to Fedco in May 2005, but it was still not acceptable to some of the Federal Councillors and further amendments were required. The document was again revised, submitted and circulated to Fedco members but once more found lacking. Just when the SABOX executive started to despair of the goalposts ever coming to a standstill, the President of KUSA took pity on us and offered to help render the document acceptable and get it approved.

In the meantime SABOX had two meetings, the first in Cape Town on 26th February 2005 and the second in Bloemfontein on 29th August 2005. At these meetings Sub-Committees were appointed to deal specifically with:

- a) Breed matters
- b) Working matters
- c) Training of Specialist Breed Judges/Assessors
- d) Publications and public relations

The Breed Sub-Committee will compile and regularly update and circulate to Member Clubs lists of Boxers whose hips and hearts have been examined and certified by the Department of Radiology, Faculty of Veterinary Science, University of Pretoria or other specialist bodies acceptable to both the Federal Council and SABOX.

Criteria for an Advanced Registration Certificate for Boxers have been agreed upon and submitted to Fedco for approval.

It was also agreed that Member Clubs would be encouraged to have the judge grade and critique the exhibits at their specialist shows, using the standard FCI grading definitions.

SABOX had a stand at WODAC in May this year to promote KUSA registered Boxers and the four KUSA affiliated specialist Boxer Clubs. It received a lot of attention from the public and was visited by scores of visitors wishing to know more about the breed.

Two letters were written to ATIBOX during the year to enquire about the possibility of SABOX becoming a member. (ATIBOX is an international technical body for the promotion of the Boxer and was established taking cognisance of the rules and regulations of the FCI. The ATIBOX Constitution requires that: *"All Boxer Breed Societies of all countries may become members of ATIBOX, provided their canine umbrella organisations (the control organisation of dog clubs in the country) are members of the FCI."*) At present the Federation of Boxer Clubs is a member, although this is obviously not in line with their constitution. ATIBOX only accepts one organisation per country. To date we have not had the courtesy of a reply or even an acknowledgement of receipt of our letters.

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