

REPORT FROM SABOX TO THE FEDERAL COUNCIL MAY 2008

TRAINING OF BOXER SPECIALIST JUDGES

Since the criteria to be recognised as a Boxer Specialist Judge are now in place and the SABOX Breed Survey/Breed Assessment Regulations and Procedures have been approved by KUSA, the next step is obviously the training of Boxer Specialist Judges as SABOX Breed Assessors.

Western Province Boxer Club is planning a Boxer Specialist weekend in May this year and one of the items on the agenda is a seminar on Breed Survey/Breed Assessment Procedures and the grading and critiquing of Boxers at surveys and breed shows. The SABOX Specialist Judges Sub-Committee approached Marlien Heystek and Monique Hodgkinson to present this seminar, as they are both experienced Boxer Breed Assessors and well-practised in the grading and critiquing of Boxers. The seminar will be followed by a hands-on work session and written and practical tests for Boxer Specialist Judges who wish to act as assessors at SABOX Breed Surveys and Assessments in future.

WODAC

As usual SABOX had a stand at WODAC, which was held in Durban in November last year. 2007 was Natal Boxer Club's 50th anniversary year and their really stunning poster announcing this was given pride of place in the stand. More than 200 copies of our new information brochure were handed out during the weekend to the many keen and interested visitors who visited the stand. Natal Boxer Club has been struggling a bit in recent years and we are therefore very pleased to be able to report that the weekend resulted in 22 new paid-up memberships for the club, most of these family memberships, bringing the total of new members to almost 40 people.

SABOX WEBSITE

Another very positive development was when Monique Hodgkinson, who is an IT specialist, agreed to take over the SABOX website from Quentin Campbell, who had done some work on it but could not continue due to personal circumstances. Monique designed and will maintain (free of charge) a really great site for SABOX as part of the KUSA domain. It was launched on 26th January this year. The website provides general information on KUSA registered Boxers, health information, lists of Boxers whose hips and hearts have been certified, a section where affiliated Boxer Clubs can advertise events and post results, Boxer rescue and lots more. It can be viewed at www.kusa.co.za/boxer

MATTERS STILL TO BE FINALISED

- 1 Although the SABOX Breed Survey and Breed Assessment Regulations and Procedures were unanimously approved at the Fedco meeting held November 2006 (refer items 7.2.2 and 7.2.3), Schedule 5F - Regulations for Breed Assessments however still needs to be revised to reflect this, with two clauses added, namely:
 - 9.1.7 Boxer Breed Council Breed Survey (2006)
 - 9.1.8 Boxer Breed Council Breed Assessment (2006)
- 2 The criteria for an ARC for Boxers, as submitted to Fedco by SABOX, were approved by KUSA in November 2006, except that both KUSA champion status **and** qualification at a SABOX Breed Assessment/Breed Survey are required. The SABOX proposal had been that either KUSA champion status **or** a BA/BS would be required, as many superior Boxers that could help to strengthen our gene pool are not shown at breed shows. SABOX therefore would like to request that the criteria be amended to conform with our original proposal, namely:

To obtain an ARC a Boxer must:

- 1 be positively identified by tattoo, microchip or DNA
 - 2 be over twenty-four (24) months of age
 - 3 be a KUSA Breed Champion
- or**
- 4 have passed a SABOX Breed Survey / Breed Assessment
 - 4 have an affix as part of its registered name
 - 5 have passed an Aptitude Test
 - 6 have a hip score of not worse than C1-C1 (previously 1-1)



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