

REPORT FROM SABOX TO THE FEDERAL COUNCIL NOV 2009

SABOX met in Cape Town on 17 October 2009, with delegates from all three Member Clubs present, namely three from Western Province Boxer Club, three from Natal Boxer Club and two from Boxer Club Gold Reef.

Amongst other matters, the following items were discussed:

ADVANCED REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE FOR BOXERS

The meeting was informed that Fedco had not approved the SABOX request that the criteria for the ARC for Boxers be changed to reflect the original criteria as submitted by SABOX in November 2006, calling for either KUSA champion status or qualification at a SABOX Breed Assessment/Breed Survey. All three Member Clubs feel very strongly that this would greatly benefit the breed. There are many Boxers that are not breed champions but nonetheless superior examples of the breed, both mentally and physically. Such dogs are not campaigned at breed shows, due to many reasons - distance from centres where shows are held, economic reasons, time limitations, or perhaps they are simply not flashy show specimens. The owners might however be willing to have them assessed at a Breed Assessment and an Aptitude Test (both one off occasions). If such Boxers are then able to obtain an Advanced Registration Certificate and are recommended for breeding, they could help to strengthen the rather limited Boxer gene pool in this country.

The meeting agreed unanimously that the proposal should be submitted to Fedco again for consideration in May 2010.

TRAINING OF BOXER SPECIALIST JUDGES AS SABOX BREED ASSESSORS

There are seven KUSA judges who currently comply with the criteria (approved by Fedco in November 2007) to be recognised as Boxer Specialist Judges. Two of these are also qualified and experienced Boxer Breed Assessors. Previous arrangements for these two to conduct seminars and practical tests to enable other specialist judges to qualify as SABOX Breed Assessors had to be cancelled when one of them had to undergo back surgery.

Since the majority of the recognised Boxer Specialist Judges currently reside in the Western Cape, Western Province Boxer Club agreed to again arrange a Boxer Specialist weekend to be held early in 2010, to provide SABOX with an opportunity to conduct seminars and practical tests for Boxer Specialist Judges who wish to qualify as SABOX Breed Assessors. The seminars (but not the tests) would also be open to all other interested parties who wish to attend.

SABOX WEBSITE

The SABOX website launched on 26th January last year has proved to be a huge success. It receives plenty of hits – on average 50 hits per day, of which about 22 are first time hits. The website is without a doubt the most valuable tool SABOX has for promoting the Boxer and the KUSA affiliated Boxer Clubs, both locally and internationally.

The website provides general information on KUSA registered Boxers, health information, responsible breeding, lists of Boxers whose hips and hearts have been certified, detailed information and illustrations of the Boxer Standard, Boxer rescue and much more. It also has a section where affiliated Boxer Clubs can advertise events and post schedules, results, newsletters and photographs. It can be viewed at www.saboxer.co.za

MATTERS STILL TO BE FINALISED

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)



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