



## **REPORT FROM SABOX TO THE KUSA FEDERAL COUNCIL NOVEMBER 2010**

### ***FEEDBACK FROM MEMBER CLUBS***

The most recent SABOX meeting was scheduled for 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2010 in Cape Town, and therefore the annual feedback from the three Member Clubs (Boxer Club Gold Reef, Natal Boxer Club and Western Province Boxer Club), could not be included in this report, which had to be submitted to KUSA by 4<sup>th</sup> October 2010.

### ***ADVANCED REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE FOR BOXERS***

The SABOX proposal that the criteria for the ARC for Boxers as approved by KUSA be changed to reflect the original criteria submitted by SABOX in November 2006, has been submitted to Fedco again for consideration, as was agreed unanimously at the SABOX meeting held in October 2009.

### ***BREED SURVEY / ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS***

The SABOX Breed Survey and Breed Assessment Regulations and Procedures were approved at the Fedco meeting held in November 2006 and this is now reflected in KUSA Schedule 5F - Regulations for Breed Assessments, namely:

9.1.7 Boxer Breed Council Breed Survey (2006)

9.1.8 Boxer Breed Council Breed Assessment (2006)

### ***TRAINING OF BOXER SPECIALIST JUDGES AS SABOX BREED ASSESSORS***

During 2010 SABOX conducted seminars, practical work sessions and tests in Cape Town for aspirant Boxer Breed Assessors on the following subjects:

- THE BOXER BREED STANDARD
- VERBAL AND WRITTEN CRITIQUES OF BOXERS
- GRADING BOXERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH FCI GRADING DEFINITIONS
- ASSESSING THE CONFORMATION AND TYPE OF A BOXER AT A SABOX BREED ASSESSMENT / BREED SURVEY

Four Boxer Specialist Judges attended the course, three of whom are now fully qualified to officiate at SABOX Breed Assessments and conduct the conformation evaluation at SABOX Breed Surveys, namely:

Mrs Doreen Powell  
Mr Johan Kieser  
Mr Ken Hull

This brings the number of qualified SABOX Boxer Breed Assessors to five. Mrs Alice Rossouw also attended the course and has passed some of the practical tests, but could not attend the final test session due to spinal surgery. She will be given the opportunity of qualifying as well, as soon as her health permits.

Some of the seminars were also attended by a number of Working Panel Judges, learner judges and a few others interested in learning more about the Boxer. Their interest and constructive participation was much appreciated.

The first SABOX Boxer Breed Assessment is scheduled to be held in Cape Town on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2010. It will be hosted by Western Province Boxer Club with Mrs Doreen Powell and Mrs Monique Hodgkinson officiating as assessors. It is hoped that this will become an annual event.

Boxer Club Gold Reef has indicated that they intend hosting a SABOX Breed Survey in 2011.

## **SABOX WEBSITE**

The SABOX website launched on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2009 continues to be the most effective tool SABOX has for promoting the Boxer and the KUSA affiliated Boxer Clubs, both locally and internationally. It provides SABOX with the opportunity to respond to numerous inquiries regarding all aspects of the Boxer received almost daily.

As can be seen from the table below, the average number of hits per day has increased considerably from the 50 reported last year. By 26<sup>th</sup> September 2010 25386 visitors to the site had been recorded.

### **Weekly Stats Report: 6 Sep - 12 Sep 2010**

	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tues</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thur</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Avg</b>
<b>Pageloads</b>	143	101	155	106	87	105	77	<b>774</b>	111
<b>Unique Visitors</b>	77	61	53	64	40	40	40	<b>375</b>	54
<b>First Time Visitors</b>	65	53	45	59	33	38	36	<b>329</b>	47
<b>Returning Visitors</b>	12	8	8	5	7	2	4	<b>46</b>	7

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](http://www.saboxer.co.za)

## **HIP AND HEART CERTIFICATION**

A growing number of Boxer owners are having their Boxers' hips, elbows and hearts examined and scored. The results are submitted to SABOX by owners and published on the website, which is regularly updated. SABOX feels that the policy of encouragement rather than enforcement is paying off and that "market forces" will convince breeders of the benefits of only using healthy stock for breeding.

The cut-off point for Boxers to obtain an ARC or qualify in a Breed Assessment / Breed Survey remains a hip score not worse than C1-C1.



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