



## Appraisal days (Appendix F)

SABBA makes provision for six different types of appraisal in order to cater to the various requirements of its membership, in so-doing providing a world class service to these members. These are:

1. a standard appraisal;
2. a re-appraisal;
3. an appraisal on appeal;
4. a special appraisal;
5. a home appraisal and
6. a video appraisal

### Evaluations

There are no fees payable for prior evaluations by senior appraisers, and owners may request such evaluations prior to any appraisal. In the case of a re-appraisal, the appraiser may study the current registration certificate/appraisal chart, but he/she may not use this during the actual appraisal process.

#### 1. Standard appraisal

In order for any appraisal day to run smoothly, certain activities must take place in chronological order.

***These guidelines, with the requisite adjustments, will also be applicable to appraisal tours.***

#### Boerboel owners

1. On arrival at the appraisal venue, the owner must, if possible, leave the Boerboel in his/her vehicle or in someone else's care, whilst he/she enrolls at the administration table. (Also consult Appendix E).
2. The owner must hand in the Boerboel's Birth Certificate/Birth Notification, and in the case of a re-appraisal, the Registration Certificate, and pay the required fee as set out and reviewed by the Board from time to time. Current fees are published on the SABBA website: <http://www.sabt.co.za/forms/tariewe.pdf>
3. Once all the documentation has been completed, a number will be allocated to the owner for each of his/her dogs that are to be appraised.
4. Once the appraisals commence, the Boerboels will be called to the appraisal ring in chronological order.
5. All Boerboels that are presented for appraisal **must** be accustomed to walking on a leash.
6. The owner of the Boerboel must lead the dog around the appraisal ring, and may only come to a halt when asked to do so by an appraiser, in order for the required scrutiny to take place.
7. Once the assessment has been completed, the appraisal chart will be handed to the administration table in order for the points to be tallied.
8. On completion of the appraisal, the owner and the Boerboel must wait outside the ring until the final report has been compiled and commentary has been given about the dog.
9. Immediately thereafter the owner must take the dog out of the appraisal venue, following which a copy of the appraisal chart may be collected from the administration table.

### Conduct of SABBA officials at an appraisal day

1. On arrival at the appraisal venue, all the necessary administrative arrangements shall be made in order for the event to proceed speedily and smoothly.
  2. The Board member in charge of the particular appraisal centre welcomes all those present and makes any other announcements required, such as:
    - a) any messages of thanks that are necessary;
    - b) description of the order of events that govern how the appraisal process will take place;
    - c) any additional arrangements or activities planned;
    - d) the availability of refreshments;
    - e) location of toilet facilities; and
    - f) the introduction of all the appraisers.
  3. The senior appraiser and other appraiser(s) enter the appraisal ring. The announcer then calls the first dog to the ring.
  4. The appraiser may confer and discuss the Boerboel in the ring with the senior appraiser at any time, in order for the dog to attain the most appropriate point that it deserves.
  5. The senior appraiser makes the final decision regarding a point, and informs the appraiser(s) accordingly.
  6. **Only** the Senior Appraiser **completes** the Appraisal Chart.
  7. All appraisers that are present in the ring sign the appraisal chart, record their respective membership numbers and hand the chart to the administration table.
  8. The administrative staff compute the points for the Boerboel that has been assessed, and give a copy of the appraisal chart to the owner.
  9. All activities and requirements regarding appraisal venues, as prescribed by other Appendices to the Constitution, must be adhered to.
  10. No individual may make comments that compromise either him-/herself or SABBA.
  11. If a Boerboel attains a point of 75% or higher, the dog will be listed in the SABBA Registration Register.
  12. In the event that a Boerboel attains a point less than 75% at a SABBA appraisal, the dog will be ineligible for SABBA registration.
  13. In the event that a Boerboel owner is dissatisfied with the appraisal result of his/her Boerboel, an appeal can be lodged. See *Appraisal on Appeal* below.
  14. A Boerboel may be disqualified by a Senior Appraiser's assessment in the event that the dog exhibits any serious deviation and/or combination of deviations from the Breed Standard, which will have a negative effect on the dog's health and/or functionality. Uncontrollable, overly aggressive and timid Boerboels will also immediately be disqualified.
1. If a Boerboel attains a point higher than 85% it can be taken up in the Stud Register provided that the owner provides the SABBA office with the original certificates stating that the specific dog complies with the following requirements:

- Bitches must be examined by one of the SABBA approved veterinarians for signs of vaginal hyperplasia. Grade 1 or less is the criterion for acceptance to the Stud Register.
- Any certified radiologist must certify that the Boerboel has a hip status of between 0:0 and 1:1 or an FCI status of between A1 and C2.
- The Boerboel in question must have been assessed as having either *correct* (+) or *acceptable* (o) for its eyelids, and not have been marked as having a *fault* (-) in this regard.

## 2. Re-appraisal

1. Sometimes dogs are appraised at a very young age, as the owner wishes to start breeding with him/her. The owner is entitled to have the dog re-appraised at any time. There is, however, the possibility that the dog has not developed further by the time it is re-appraised, and will thus not achieve a better appraisal point. (See *Evaluations* above).
2. The appraisal fee is the same as that of a standard appraisal.
3. The point achieved at a re-appraisal is binding.

## 3. Appraisal on appeal

In the event of a Boerboel owner not being satisfied with the assessment of his/her dog, he/she may lodge an appeal. The appeal procedure is as follows.

1. The appeal must be lodged **immediately** after the result concerning the particular dog has been made known.
2. The Boerboel owner must approach the Board member of his/her province.
3. The Boerboel owner must explain to the Board member the reason why he/she is dissatisfied. The owner must only point out the **specific** point(s) that he/she disagrees with.
4. The Board member decides whether the matter has any merit, or not.
5. If the Board member feels that the matter does indeed have merit, he/she can arrange to have the Boerboel re-appraised on the same day if there are two senior appraisers present, or alternatively, within seven days of the appraisal event.
6. The owner must pay the appraisal fee, an amount equivalent to that of a standard appraisal, at the administration table.
7. Should the appeal be upheld, the appraisal fee shall be repaid to the owner. If the appeal is denied, the owner forfeits the fee.
8. The Boerboel owner may not institute any financial claims against SABBA.

## 4. Special appraisal

1. The organisation of an appraisal day event that was not originally scheduled on the official, published annual programme of SABBA will only be considered in highly exceptional circumstances, on merit.
2. A special appraisal day must be arranged in conjunction with the Breed Standard and Appraisal Committee.

3. The Chairman or Vice-chairman and relevant Board member must be notified accordingly.
4. A special appraisal day must take place under the auspices of SABBA, and must be co-ordinated by the relevant Board member.
5. The event must be widely advertised at least 14 days prior to the date.
6. At least 15 dogs must be presented for appraisal.
7. In the event that permission for such a special appraisal day is granted, the applicant is responsible for all the relevant costs associated with such an event. This includes the travelling and accommodation costs of the appraisers and Board member(s), as well as the costs pertaining to the venue.
8. The appraisal fee is the same as that of a standard appraisal.

#### 5. Home appraisal

1. In special circumstances, where the owner is unable to attend an appraisal day due to ill-health, he/she may obtain permission from the relevant Board member to have his/her dog appraised privately.
2. The appraiser does not complete the whole Appraisal Chart. The dog is assigned the minimum point of 75% if there are no obvious points that could result in disqualification. The point will be noted as such for registration purposes.
3. The owner may then have the dog re-appraised at a later date, when he/she is once more able to do so, at a scheduled appraisal day.
4. The appraisal fee is the same as that of a standard appraisal.

#### 6 Video appraisal

1. Video appraisals have not been offered in South Africa since 2006.
2. Video appraisals will only be allowed to take place in foreign countries under exceptional circumstances and based on merit.
3. The owner must make application to his/her Board member stating sound reasons for the application being made.
4. The Board member will provide the applicant with the relevant regulations that must be complied with.
5. No Appraisal Chart will be completed. The dog is assigned the minimum point of 75% if there are no obvious points that could result in disqualification. The point will be noted as such for registration purposes.
6. The costs of video appraisals will be determined by the Board.

#### **Please note**

**All Boerboels presented for any of the appraisal processes mentioned above must be accustomed to walking on a leash.**