



Appraisers (Appendix H)

SABBA's appraisers are classed in three groups.

1. **Apprentice appraisers**

1. Any member of SABBA may apply to be trained as an apprentice appraiser.
2. A two-day breeder's course must be attended first. The course covers theoretical as well as practical work. Candidates may also apply to attend the appraisers course only, and applications must be lodged with the board members concerned.
3. At the end of the course, a theory examination and a practical examination will be completed.
4. Candidates who achieve 80% or more in respectively the theoretical and practical examinations may apply to their provincial Board member for further training as an apprentice appraiser.
5. An apprentice appraiser accompanies a senior appraiser into the appraisal ring. During an appraisal of a dog, the apprentice appraiser observes what the senior appraiser and appraisers do. The apprentice appraiser may ask the senior appraiser questions. On completion of an appraisal, the apprentice appraiser also signs the appraisal chart together with his/her membership number and the notation *Apprentice* in brackets.
6. An apprentice appraiser must appraise at least 30 dogs at three different appraisal venues in this manner, before applying to be tested as an appraiser.
7. Apprentice appraisers may lay no claim to travelling or accommodation costs.

2. **Appraisers**

1. Apprentice appraisers who have appraised 30 dogs or more at three different appraisal venues, and who have a thorough knowledge of the Boerboel, the Breed Standard, the Constitution and SABBA may apply to be tested as appraisers.
2. A theory examination must be completed, for which a mark of 80% or more is required. The apprentice appraiser will also be required to complete a practical test – three dogs must be assessed and then discussed in the presence of a panel of senior appraisers.
3. If the abovementioned results prove to be satisfactory, the apprentice appraiser may then be promoted to appraiser status.
4. Appraisers are required to assess a minimum of 50 dogs per year at a minimum of 5 appraisal venues in order to maintain their appraiser status.
5. Appraisers that do not perform satisfactorily, or do not appraise at least 50 dogs a year, must be demoted by the Board to once again be classed as apprentice appraisers. However, no action will be taken against an appraiser that has appraised at all appraisal venues prescribed to him/her if such appraisal venues did not offer sufficient numbers of dogs to make up the required quota.
6. All appraisers must sign the *Code of Conduct of Appraisers* on an annual basis and abide by it.

7. Appraisers must ensure that all requirements regarding the appraisal system and the conduct of appraisers are met (see also Appendices F, G, H, I and J).

3. Senior appraisers

1. In order to be promoted to senior appraiser status an appraiser must have assessed at least 100 Boerboels.
2. A committee, comprising the SABBA chairman, vice-chairman and a number of senior appraisers may, after deliberation, invite appraisers to be tested in order to determine if they are sufficiently competent to act as senior appraisers.
3. Only appraisers that possess a comprehensive knowledge regarding the Boerboel, the Breed Standard, the Constitution and its Appendices and knowledge of SABBA as a whole and who demonstrate outstanding inter-personal interaction, must be invited to be tested for senior appraiser status.
4. All senior appraisers must sign the *Code of Conduct of Appraisers* on an annual basis and abide by it.
5. Senior appraisers may also act in the capacity of appraisers.
6. A senior appraiser may, under exceptional circumstances, appraise a Boerboel(s) on his/her own, on the proviso that the chairman, vice-chairman or a member of the Executive Committee has been notified of this circumstance.
7. In the event that exceptional circumstances arise, two ordinary appraisers with sufficient experience and knowledge may handle an appraisal ring on their own.
8. Only senior appraisers and appraisers nominated to attend specific appraisal venues may claim for travel and accommodation costs to be reimbursed by the office.

Please note

It is expected of appraisers not to appraise Boerboels that they have bred or own.

The senior appraiser must be informed accordingly, so that a replacement appraiser may be arranged.