



News from the SABBA Board

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The SABBA Board held a telemeeting on 30th April 2009. This report summarises the most important decisions taken (mostly good news!), and the functions and responsibilities of the respective standing committees of the Association.

Differentiated fees for member classes

The best news is that the Board has acceded to members' pleas that it should review the member subscription categories, in order to also cater for other types of Boerboel owners. This category would include owners of just one or two Boerboels (who do not breed), retired breeders, and all Boerboel enthusiasts - whether they are Boerboel owners or not. SABBA values the involvement of everybody who supports the Boerboel breed in one way or another, and agrees that such a step would benefit the Boerboel community. The Board will take a decision regarding appropriately differentiated member fees in the budget for 2010.

Time limit on reappraisals repealed

The Board has revoked the six-month time limit on reappraisals on the premise that it is up to owners to decide when, and if, their dogs are ready to be reappraised. However, Board members expressed concern about a trend to place more value on the scores that dogs achieve at appraisals, than on other inherent qualities. Owners should also realise that a dog may receive a lower mark at a reappraisal, and that this will override the previous score. Any owner may request an appraiser to evaluate a dog prior to an appraisal. In the case of an evaluation, the appraiser may study the previous appraisal chart/registration certificate, but he or she may not refer to it during the actual appraisal.

Video appraisals

Members must please note that video appraisals will be approved on merit, and under exceptional circumstances only, and that they will not be done for members based in South Africa. Applications and motivations must be submitted to the Executive Committee. Appraisers do not complete appraisal charts for video appraisals, but merely communicate to the Head Office that the relevant dog may be registered at a maximum of 75% (i.e. the minimum point for registration).

Other items in brief

- The National Show (the 2009 Boerboel Championship Show) will be held on the 7th November in Parys in the Free State. The final dates of the regional shows and preliminary show arrangements will be published as of the end of May.
- The Breed Standard Committee will consider the feasibility of including health information (e.g. on hip dysplasia and vaginal hyperplasia) on appraisal charts/registration certificates.
- The SABBA database is in the process of being upgraded to facilitate so-called data mining (for research and planning purposes), as well as for the online updating of member information and transactions.
- There is a growing demand from owners who buy dogs from members of other organisations to register such dogs with SABBA. This can be done if the parents are already registered with SABBA, or in accordance with the conditions of the Development Register. The parents of dogs registered with other organisations are recorded as 'not registered' on the SABBA register.

Committee responsibilities and members

The meeting stressed that the prime objectives of the various committees of the SABBA Board are to serve member needs and the Boerboel. Members should at all times feel free to liaise with SABBA through any of the committees, or via Head Office.

• Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of the Board holds formal meetings every three months - or as required - and must provide the Board with feedback on important SABBA matters at least every second month. All committees must submit formal reports to the Board on their activities every six months.

Chairman: Frans Du Toit

Members: Anemari Pretorius (Vice-Chairman), Aldu le Grange, Johan van Wyk and Piet Visser.

The Chairman (Frans Du Toit (tel. 082 855 1299) E-mail: fransdutoit@sabt.co.za and Vice-Chairman (Anemari Pretorius (tel. 082 870 2610) E-mail: anemari@cybersmart.co.za serve *ex officio* on each of the following committees

- **Breed Standard Committee**

This Committee is responsible for: recruiting and training appraisers and senior appraisers; drafting appraisal and appraiser criteria; reviewing the Breed Standard; hosting appraiser and breeder courses; the year programme for appraisal days; and to evaluate, make recommendations and manage requests for video appraisals.

Chairman: Thys van Solms (co-opted), M: 083 447 8844, E-mail: thys@floorpro.co.za.

Members: Anemari Pretorius, Aldu le Grange, Johan van Wyk, & Lukas van Vuuren (co-opted).

- **Finance and Administration Committee**

The Committee oversees the day-to-day management of the SABBA Head Office, and also takes specific responsibility for the budget and finances. This includes database and website development and staff training.

Chairman: Piet Visser, M: 083 336 5488, E-mail: pietvisser@eject.co.za.

Members: Clint Gouws and Johan van Wyk.

- **Show and Marketing Committee**

This Committee takes responsibility for: marketing the Boerboel; sponsorship recruiting; arranging Boerboel shows and festivals; and SABBA communications with the various public media.

Chairman: Aldu le Grange, M: 083 462 0817, E-mail: algrange@ct.stormnet.co.za.

Members: Clint Gouws, Albert van der Linde, Alan Pittam, Piet Visser, Mike Wiese, and Marileen van Wyk (co-opted).

- **Editorial Committee**

The Editorial Committee publishes the quarterly SABBA newsletter, and drafts and edits articles and official communications to members/the Boerboel Community and public media

Chairman: Anemari Pretorius, M: 082 870 2610, E-mail: anemari@cybersmart.co.za.

Member: Marileen Wyk (co-opted).

- **Policy Committee**

This Committee oversees SABBA procedural and constitutional matters.

Chairman: Frans van der Merwe, M: 082 450 5423 (a/h), E-mail: fjvdm@hantam.co.za.

- **Ad hoc Committee**

The Ad hoc Committee convenes as required for other non-specified projects.

Chairman: Johan van Wyk, M: 082 890 8887, E-mail: graslandboerboel@mweb.co.za.

Member: Aldu le Grange.

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