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### Boerboel shows kick-off in September

The 2011 SABBA Boerboel Shows are imminent. As in the past, regional shows will precede the National Show. According to the Chairman of the Show Committee, Jakkie Erasmus, the shows will follow the same format as last year. However, judges will be asked to pay more attention to *showmanship* – a winner must be the dog and handler that are the most impressive, and not necessarily the dog with the highest appraisal score.

Two new classes will be introduced this year. They are a *Family Class* in which a female or male with two of their offspring may participate as a group. The offspring may be of any age, sex, litter or service. The parent will be judged at no more than 25% of the total score. The second new class is the *Dog of the Year*. Any Boerboel of any sex that is older than six months (not necessarily the champions) may participate in this class, for which there is only one position. The judges will choose the winner, but they will take audience response into consideration.

The National Show is provisionally scheduled for Pretoria on 12 November. If there is sufficient interest a 'service auction' of owner nominated males will be held the evening before the Show.

The SABBA website will publish information on the special Show page on an ongoing basis. The web address is <http://www.sabt.co.za/show.php>. The following documents are now available:

- [Categories and classes for the regional shows.](#)
- [Regional show rules.](#)

2011 SABBA Show Committee and Dates			
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Thys von Solms Western Cape Show	<b>10 September</b> Durbanville	083 447 8844	<a href="mailto:thys@floorpro.co.za">thys@floorpro.co.za</a>
Jakkie Erasmus Eastern Cape Show	<b>17 September</b> Port Elizabeth	082 574 5653	<a href="mailto:jakkie@ecba.co.za">jakkie@ecba.co.za</a>
Alan Pittam KwaZulu-Natal Show	<b>17 September</b> Pinetown	083 461 5057	<a href="mailto:pittama@durban.gov.za">pittama@durban.gov.za</a>
Clint Gouws Free State Show	<b>24 September</b> Heilbron ( <i>prov</i> )	078 523 5400	<a href="mailto:clintstella@gmail.com">clintstella@gmail.com</a>
Frans du Toit North West Show	<b>24 September</b> Potchefstroom	083 938 1850	<a href="mailto:fransdutoit@sabt.co.za">fransdutoit@sabt.co.za</a>
Johan van Wyk National Show	<b>12 November</b> Pretoria	082 890 8887	<a href="mailto:graslandboerboel@mweb.co.za">graslandboerboel@mweb.co.za</a>
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### Birth notices streamlined

Following on feedback from members that the online facility for birth notifications was too time-consuming and cumbersome, our IT consultants have revised the form. They also added user instructions on the landing page.

We trust the system is now easier to use, and that those members who chose to revert to the paper system, will give it another try.

We urge members to continue giving feedback. If we do not hear from you, it is assumed that you are happy with the service. Please contact the SABBA Office at [office@sabt.co.za](mailto:office@sabt.co.za). Problems that they cannot resolve will be referred to the web developers.

### SABBA registration criteria revised

At a meeting on 21 May 2011, the Board revised the requirements for SABBA registration of Boerboels.

The Board resolved to accept all Boerboels presented for appraisal and subsequent full registration if the dog has a **valid\*** birth certificate (i.e. a birth certificate that is acceptable to SABBA), and receives a minimum appraisal score of 75%.

Note that in the case of dogs originally registered with other organisations, their SABBA registration certificate will not include the appraisal scores of such organisations. Dogs' pedigrees, if available and acceptable to SABBA, may be included on the registration certificates.

The revised criteria – as set out in [Annexure E](#) to the SABBA Constitution - are available on the website

### **Pro tail-docking campaign launched**

The *Pro Tail-docking campaign* to raise funds in support of registered breeders, who may be prosecuted for docking their dogs' tails, was launched in July. Koos van der Westhuizen (Board member: Northern Cape), manages the project on behalf of the SABBA Board. He appeals to breeders to contribute to the fund. Queries and requests for assistance may be directed to him at [mpos@hantam.co.za](mailto:mpos@hantam.co.za).

The fund management and rules include:

- Donations in the Special bank account for the *Pro Tail-docking campaign* will be used towards this project only.
- The recommended entry contribution is R1 000 per participating breeder. Non-breeders will also benefit from the campaign, and any supportive contribution will be most welcome.
- Only registered breeders of traditionally docked breeds will receive (free) legal advice and financial support in case of prosecution.
- Applications for support will be judged according to merit, and available funds. Only breeders of proven ethical conduct will be assisted.
- All contributions will be acknowledged on the SABBA website.

Please help us promote the campaign by bringing it to the attention of breeders of other traditionally docked breeds.

Visit the website for further information on the objectives of the campaign and donation forms for online completion.

- [SABBA establishes fund to fight tail-docking](#)
- [Donation form](#)
- [Donation acknowledgements](#)

### **News from the regions**

Congratulations to the Northern Cape for hosting the first ever appraisal in Kuruman. Lawaai, a female of Augustyn Boerboele received the highest score (90%). Participants expressed sincere appreciation towards Lukas van Vuuren, who personally carried the cost of travelling more than 650 km to act as appraiser. Plans for the immediate future include participation in the Kuruman show in September, and the forming of a club for Boerboel enthusiasts in that region.

The Eastern Cape once again boosted the image of the Boerboel at the Kirkwood Wildlife Festival. We also laud their longstanding community service to House Minette – an institution for handicapped people - in Uitenhage. On 27 August, they will hold an open show at the SAPS fun run in aid of the Widow and Orphans Fund.

### **Appraisal diary**

The dates of appraisals change from time to time, so remember to check the programme of forthcoming events on the website.

The dates and contact persons for appraisals during the rest of August and in September are:

27 Aug: Open show hosted by the Eastern Cape Boerboel Club. Jakkie Erasmus: 082 574 5653.

27 Aug: Phalaborwa. Marius Kotzé: 084 620 3008.

2 Sept: Bultfontein. Clint Gouws: 078 523 5400.

10 Sept: Centurion. Johan van Wyk: 082 890 8887.

17 Sept: Worcester. Thys von Solms: 083 447 8844.

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