

## INVITATION

### **SABBA Appraiser Training Course in the Western Cape** **Friday 25 - Saturday 26 November 2011**

There is an increased demand for SABBA appraisals locally and internationally, and it is vital to grow the appraiser corps to alleviate the pressure on current appraisers.

SABBA invites interested members who wish to qualify as appraisers as well as interested members and breeders to the last SABBA Appraiser Training Course for this year. Thys von Solms, in collaboration with Johan van Wyk and Aldu le Grange, will present the course at Middelvlei Wine Estate, Stellenbosch ([web link for map](#)) from 25 to 26 November.

The course will coincide with evaluations for Senior Appraiser status on 27 November, to which a number of appraisers were invited.

The course consists of two parts:

#### Friday 25 November, 10:00

Attendees convene for coffee/tea for the course starting at 10:30. The lecturers will give an overview of the course content (*which attendees should know by heart on arrival!*). This will be followed by a Questions and Answers session. Persons interested in qualifying as appraisers will write a theoretical examination at 15:30, and must receive at least 80% to pass. Note that this examination is not compulsory. The course offers valuable guidance for breeding purposes and on the SABBA approach to breed standard. Any member is welcome to attend.

#### Saturday 26 November, 09:00

The appraisers, who were invited for evaluation as Senior Appraisers, will join the group for the practical part of the course, starting at 09:00. The appraisal process will be demonstrated on two to three dogs. Thereafter, attendees who passed the theoretical exam may proceed with the practical exam, which also requires a pass rate of at least 80% for qualification as an appraiser. Persons, who attend both days, without doing the examinations, will receive attendance certificates.

#### **Registration fee**

The registration fee for the 2-day course is R300 per person for registrations before 18 November. Late registrations cost R350 per person. Travel and accommodation costs are for attendees' own account.

Secure your booking for these courses by contacting Thys von Solms (Tel: 083 447 8844, [thys@floorpro.co.za](mailto:thys@floorpro.co.za)) or Helena Mostert (Tel: 021 905 7099, [helena@floorpro.co.za](mailto:helena@floorpro.co.za)).

#### **Course content**

Items 1 and 2 below (available on the SABBA website: [www.sabt.co.za](http://www.sabt.co.za)) will form approximately 75% of the theoretical exam paper. Delegates should study the following study material in advance:

1. **Standards** (*SABBA website or request pdf copies from [marileenvw@mweb.co.za](mailto:marileenvw@mweb.co.za)*)
  - Know the Boerboel
  - Appraisal and registration
  - Vaginal hyperplasia
  - Buying a Boerboel
2. **Constitution** (*SABBA website or request pdf copies from [marileenvw@mweb.co.za](mailto:marileenvw@mweb.co.za)*)
  - A. Breed standard
  - B. Terminology
  - C. Requirements for breeders
  - D. Service certificate
  - E. Registration of Boerboels
  - F. Appraisal days
  - G. Requirements for appraisal venues
  - H. Appraisers
  - I. Appraisal chart
  - J. Appraisal control sheet
3. **Additional study material**
  - The book, *The Boerboel - South Africa's Own - with specific reference to pages 8 - 34, 103 - 121, and 209 - 247*. Copies are available from Thys von Solms or from the SABBA Head Office (Tel: 056 212 9000, [office@sabt.co.za](mailto:office@sabt.co.za)). The cost is R100 (plus R50 for registered mail and R60 for speed post).