

## NEWS LETTER DECEMBER 2014



From the Chair: Here we are at the end of another year and it is 'feet up' time again and reflections of all that have been and gone.



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The two photo's below are so descriptive of what the festive season is all about - families, children, being together , lots of love and caring and of course our beloved Bullmastiffs. A very precious image.

The CBC Committee thanks all our members and friends for their support and may you all have a great festive season and do welcome in the New Year on a good note.



## **SECOND NOTICE OF INTENTION TO HOLD THE 4<sup>TH</sup> AGM OF THE CAPE BULLMASTIFF CLUB**

The 4<sup>th</sup> AGM of the Cape Bullmastiff Club will be held on the 24 th January 2015 at the Dutch Reformed Church in Briza Somerset West at 10h00 sharp.

Any member who wishes to propose an item for the Agenda should do so in writing and submit it to [info@capebullmastiffclub.co.za](mailto:info@capebullmastiffclub.co.za) before the 10<sup>th</sup> January 2015. The Agenda will be distributed after final compilation.

Members are reminded that their annual fees of R120 are due from the beginning of 2015 and that only paid up members may participate in the AGM. Please update your particulars if necessary.

The CBC account number is 62330734048 FNB Strand Branch Code 200612. Thank you to all the members who have already paid their 2015 subscriptions.

There is no voting this year as the Committee has a two year mandate.

**Please will all trophy holders return their trophies before the AGM as this will be the forum for redistribution and recognition of our TOP DOGS for 2014 and a check in for the Trophy Show.**



# HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ANNUAL WINNERS

**National Bullmastiff of the Year/Stud Dog of the Year/ Top Mpumalanga Bullmastiff**

**Ch & Int Ch Don Amigo Pasco of Beautybull**

(Refer to November 2014 news Letter)

**Reserve National Bullmastiff of the Year**

Ch Juohn Donna Arabella – Robinson



**Bullmastiff Puppy of the Year & top Mpumalanga puppy -  
Juohn Don Raphael**

Congratulations to John and Jeanne Robinson

## REGIONAL WINNERS

**Top Western Cape Bullmastiff - Ch LaGratitude Durango Duke BA - Bouwer**





## Reserve Western Cape Bullmastiff (s)

(A tie with both dogs holding the same amount of points)



LaGratitude African Drummer BA - Joubert and Rogvalley Azzura Mia BA - Rogers

## Top Western Cape Puppy



LaGratitude Atticus Earl – Bower

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Top Gauteng Bullmastiff & Top Gauteng Puppy - Chizelhurst Chinga - Potgieter



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Top KZN Bullmastiff – Ch LaGratitude African Dream of Haaita DMA



Top KZN Puppy – Chizelhurst Checkmate of Haaita - Steyn

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## Sue Spooner Memorial Trophy: Breed and Disciplines

“Saluting the true worth of a working Bullmastiff” Sue Spooner

La Gratitude African Drummer BA and

Rogvalley Azzura Mia BA





Hearty congratulations to all

*EVERY CHAMPION WAS ONCE A CONTENDER WHOSE OWNER  
REFUSED TO GIVE UP*

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## **CBC ANNUAL TROPHY SHOW**

The 4<sup>th</sup> Specialty Trophy Show for the Cape Bullmastiff Club will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2015. Please refer to the Show Schedule below and support our Judge with a good entry.

As our show is held in partnership with Liesbeck Kennel Club exhibitors are able to participate in two shows on the same ground on the same day.

The LKC Working Judge will be Nicole Hartig from Gauteng and the Bullmastiffs will be judged last to accommodate everyone.



The BISS Trophy



The Judge Kevin Young

Kevin bought his first Saint Bernard in 1982, started showing his dogs in 1987 and registered the affix Youngstead in 1989. Since then he has made up 40 champions.



Kevin has been part of the Saint Bernard Club in South Africa since 1987, and has been the Club Chairman since 2005. Kevin is also the Chairman of the Working and Herding Breeds Association Golden Reef.



Kevin started judging in 2005 and is licensed to judge the Working group. He has judged Bullmastiffs, Boxer and Saint Bernhard Specialty Shows and the Working Group at many All Breeds Shows. He has also judged at the World Union of Saint Bernhard Clubs annual show in Germany – the first South African to be selected for this honour.

Kevin has attended a variety of seminars and teaching programmes on conformation, teeth, eyes, AI, nutrition, long term kennelling, training and socialising and dog therapy all over the globe – USA, Switzerland, Italy, Germany, UK, Belgium, France, Czech Republic and Denmark as well as locally.

Kevin has served as a Ring Steward and KUSA Representative at many shows. He can be contacted at [www.youngsteadsaintbernards.co.za](http://www.youngsteadsaintbernards.co.za)



**OFFICIAL SCHEDULE FOR THE FOURTH ANNUAL OPEN TROPHY  
SHOW OF THE CAPE BULLMASTIFF CLUB**  
*Affiliated to the Kennel Union of S A*

**THIS SPECIALITY SHOW WILL BE HELD AT JAGTERSHOF SPORTS  
FIELD KUILSRIVER IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE LIESBEEK KENNEL  
CLUB SHOW**

**DATE: 01 FEBRUARY 2015  
TIME: 08H00**

**JUDGE: KEVIN YOUNG**

**BREED CLASSES: BABY PUPPY 4-6 MONTHS, MINOR PUPPY 6-9 MONTHS, PUPPY 9-  
12 MONTHS, JUNIOR, GRADUATE, VETERANS, SA BRED, OPEN AND CHAMPIONS**  
ALL CLASS WINNERS WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR BOB  
BEST NEUTERED DOG TO BE JUDGED AFTER THE BIS  
ROSETTES FOR EVERY CLASS AND PRIZES GALORE  
**TROPHIES: BIS (BOB), RBOB, BEST PUPPY, BEST HANDLER, BEST HEAD and more**

**ENTRY FEE FOR MEMBERS: R40 FOR FIRST DOG R35 THEREAFTER  
NON MEMBERS: R45 FOR FIRST DOG R40 THEREAFTER  
ENTRIES WILL BE DONE ON THE DAY FROM 06H00 TO 08H00**

**SHOW MANAGER: INA JENKINS  
VET ON CALL FOR BULLMASTIFFS: DR ILZE GERSBACH /  
STELLENBOSCH ANIMAL HOSPITAL**

**THERE WILL BE A SHOW ASSISTANT – WHO WILL BE IDENTIFIED WITH A CBC  
ROSETTE - WHO WILL BE AVAILABLE TO HELP EXHIBITORS WITH THEIR LOGISTICS**

**RIGHT OF ADMISSION RESERVED**

**ALL EXHIBITORS / HANDLERS ARE PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE  
FOR THE CONTROL OF THEIR DOGS AT ALL TIMES AND SHALL BE  
PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR ANY CLAIMS WHICH MAY BE MADE IN  
RESPECT OF INJURIES WHICH MAY ARISE OR BE CAUSED BY  
THEIR DOGS**

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Nicky [info@capebullmastiffclub.co.za](mailto:info@capebullmastiffclub.co.za) OR 0829239702**

Babs Gillatt will be our Ring Steward for the Show and is well known to most of the Bullmastiff fraternity. She is a senior Ring Steward and highly competent and we are very fortunate to be benefiting from her expertise yet again.



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## Kennel Management: continued

### The puppies and weaning



Assuming that any pups with congenital or hereditary faults have been euthanized and the puppies now in the box are the ones the breeder wants to keep, the next important issue is the weight gain and thriftiness of the whelps.

Even in the unlikely event of all the pups weighing the same at birth, they will not weigh the same twenty four hours later. There will actually be a distinct variation between the puppies. There will be a few pups



that have gained weight, some that have not and some that have actually lost some weight. Provided that the weight loss is not more than 10 percent of the birth weight there is no need for concern. However if the weight loss is more than 10 % of the birth weight supplementary feeding is necessary if the pups are to remain thrifty. Puppies that are unable to sustain their feeding from the dam will soon fade and die. For the first three weeks the pups should be weighed daily and the weight recorded. A 10 % gain on the birth weight is a good indication that the puppy is doing well.

The pups must be kept warm at all times. Hypothermia can kill puppies quickly. Other problems may include infection with the Herpes virus, which is on the increase in South Africa. The pups will be very distressed and vocal and will in all inevitability die within twenty four hours.

Vomiting and diarrhoea in a pup will soon lead to dehydration and death if not attended to. These conditions could be ascribed to intestinal parasites like the round worm. A good de-worming programme is essential.

Weaning: as the puppies approach three weeks of age the breeder will have noticed that the dam has been showing less and less interest in allowing the pups to feed from her, often leaving them for long periods as she starts to reclaim her 'old life'. This is a normal occurrence and will continue as the pups get older. Some bitches regurgitate their own food for the puppies to eat in an attempt to get them eating on their own. It is at this stage that the breeder should begin feeding the puppies with a substitute food or they will lose condition. Four to five meals a day are recommended to begin with.



There are multiple brands of suitable puppy food on the market, some of them dry and some wet. Whichever kind is given, a supply of clean drinking water must always be available and the breeder should supervise the communal feeding to make sure that each pup receives its share of food.

By the time the pups are five to six weeks old their mother, if kept with them, will hardly be feeding them at all. She should however be teaching them life skills.

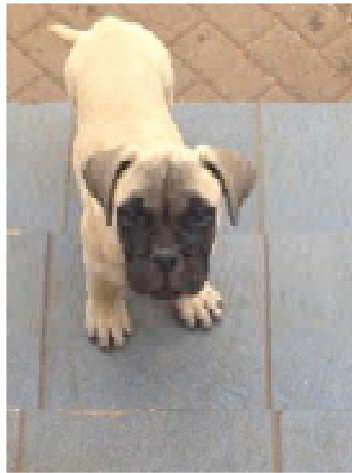
Any puppy deprived of its mother and /or human contact within the first few weeks of life is not likely to make a good pet and the importance of these early weeks and the dam / breeder's interaction with the puppies cannot be stressed enough.

Bruce Fogle in his book *The Dog's Mind actually* divides these vital weeks of development into three stages, namely the neonatal period which is up to two weeks, the transitional period, which is from two to four weeks and lastly the socialisation period. This is from four to six weeks for contact with other dogs, and from four to twelve weeks for contact with humans. He then stresses that the most critical period of development is between six to eight weeks. Puppies and then later adults that have the greatest

stimulation in respect of sights, sounds, smells and experiences are the ones that do best in a human orientated world.

Fogle also states that mild stress to the puppies during this time is beneficial. This makes sense, as it would teach them coping mechanisms.

### **‘HAPPY SNAPS’ FROM THE FAMILY ALBUMS.....**



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### **MORE NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK**



JAJI MIDDLETON



JACO and JUST JAZZ JENKINS



MAC- JULES De Bruyne



JUSTIN JENKINS with Anam

**PUPPY PLAYTIME - MEET AND GREET**



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