



## CBC JULY 2018 NEWSLETTER

### BULLMASTIFFS: CIRCA 1936 UK

#### Famous "Farcroft" Bull-mastiffs

No Bull-mastiff has ever won a Championship, or even been awarded a Challenge Certificate, except those of "Farcroft" blood; "Farcroft" found in their pedigrees if not in their name. Get the strain and winning vein from the originator of the breed, in the accepted type.

**MR. S. E. MOSELEY, "FARCROFT," HAMIL, BURSLEM.**

*Founder and elected Life President, The National Bull-Mastiff Club. Author of "Bull-Mastiff History," "Standard Type," & "Utility & Training"*



**INTERNATIONAL WINNING CHAMPION FARCROFT PELONS FRAYEUR**  
(K.C.S.B. 151 K.K.).



**FARCROFT FOREMAN.**  
(His successes include his beating two Champions before a year old and being awarded best in show).



**DUAL CHAMPION FARCROFT FINALITY**  
(K.C.S.B. 21 J.J.).



**BULL MASTIFF: Roger of the Fens,** the property of Mr. James E. V. Toney, The Fens, Stockton Brook, Nr. Stouon-on-Trent.

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## A FAR CRY FROM FARCROFT

From the Chair: Mr. Mosley of the UK and his FARCROFT Bullmastiffs (or Bull-Mastiffs as the name was spelt back then and with some uninformed people still misspelling it today!) was one of the most prominent breeders of the early years and was the first breeder to send Bullmastiffs out to Southern Africa in 1925 (refer Newsletter - AUGUST 2017)

### SO HOW DO THE DOGS OF YESTERYEAR COMPARE TO TODAY'S BULLMASTIFFS?

Featured below are four top quality Bullmastiff of our present time – Australian, South African, American & Russian. They are remarkably different to the original 'prototype' Bullmastiffs. Is this for better or worse? Breeding to the Breed Standard or changing the standard to fit the breeding. Are the breeders on the right track? You decide!





## Easy Reference

# Fact and Fiction Bullmastiffs



<b>KUSA Group</b>	Working
<b>FCI Group</b>	Group 2 Molossoid Breeds
<b>Original Function</b>	Gamekeeper's nightwatch/patrol dog to 'down and hold' poacher
<b>Modern Function</b>	Companion/pet/guard. Some farmers are, quite successfully, using the Bullmastiff to protect sheep and other livestock
<b>Appearance</b>	Powerful build, symmetrical, showing great strength, not cumbersome, sound and active. A typical large and square skull of correct proportions is required
<b>Weight</b>	Adult Male: 50 – 59 kg (110 – 130 lbs) Adult Female: 41 – 50 kg (90 – 110 lbs)
<b>Height</b>	Adult Male: 64 – 69 cms (25 – 27 ins) Adult Female: 61 – 66 cms (24 – 26 ins)
<b>Coat Colour</b>	Any shade of brindle (original colour); fawn or red. The colour should be pure and clear. White marking (no bigger than size of a fist) allowed on chest. Other white markings undesirable. Black muzzle essential, toning off towards eyes, with dark markings around eyes contributing to expression.
<b>Coat Texture</b>	Short and hard and weather resistant, lying flat to body. Long, silky or woolly coats highly undesirable
<b>Grooming</b>	10 minutes daily to keep in show condition otherwise a good groom weekly to remove loose hair and any debris. Ears and teeth should be cleaned regularly and nails clipped if the dog has a sedentary lifestyle
<b>Personality/Temperament</b>	The Breed Standard asks for a high-spirited and alert dog that must also be faithful to owner/family 'pack'. They should also be fearless/confident/reliable/enduring and very powerful.
<b>Compatibility with other dogs</b>	Yes, if socialized correctly from young and of opposite sexes. Adult males are not expected to be courteous to each other, although exceptions do occur. Bitches if nurtured correctly can run in packs. The Bullmastiff was originally a solitary dog and his heritage must be remembered.
<b>Compatibility with cats and other animals</b>	Yes, if socialized correctly from young.
<b>Compatibility with people/children</b>	Very good but must be socialized well as a young pup.
<b>Living Space – Indoors/Outdoors</b>	Originally a totally outdoor dog. Some Bullmastiffs still choose to live outside but many have adapted to the comforts of 'baskets and heaters'.
<b>Space and Exercise</b>	Bullmastiffs don't need a lot of space to live in but should get regular exercise and stimulation.
<b>Trainability</b>	Very quick to grasp the commands when shown, but tend to get bored with repetitive action. They do well in obedience and manwork due to the stimulation.
<b>Suitability as Watchdog</b>	Yes – very good
<b>Noise Factor</b>	If a Bullmastiff barks – take note!
<b>Average Lifespan</b>	10 – 12 years if health maintained
<b>Feeding</b>	Any good quality dog food – follow manufacturers recommendations for age and weight.
<b>Health</b>	Hip and elbow dysplasia, gastric torsion, cruciate ligaments, eye disease, bad temperaments (in some), lymphosarcoma and osteosarcoma. No forced exercise for pups under 12 months of age
<b>Availability</b>	Enquire via Clubs/KUSA for reputable breeders and healthy puppies. Be prepared to wait for well-bred puppies. Not all reputable breeders are members of clubs so ask around.
<b>Some questions to ask Breeders</b>	Are the puppies registered with KUSA (request proof); are they dewormed and vaccinated (request proof); ask to see both parents of the litter if possible, and/or offspring from previous breedings. Hip and elbow gradings from Onderstepoort (recommendation of local veterinarian not sufficient). Family history of any health problems as above, eye clearance certificate from SAVA, APT recommended. Advice could be sought from knowledgeable/experienced person when choosing a pup.

## WARNING: XYLITOL

A popular sweetener among diabetics and those wanting to lose weight has been found to be deadly to dogs and birds.

Vets are cautioning their clients accordingly – as are we at the Cape Bullmastiff Club – do NOT give any foodstuffs or water containing this product to your dogs.



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## CARPAL HYPEREXTENSION IN THE BULLMASTIFF



This young Bullmastiff pup showed signs of severe deformity and sadly had to be euthanised. The breeder was informed; however, it is not known what her further/ future are. Both sire and dam were very young and from the same kennel.

### What is Carpal Hyperextension?

There are three forms of Carpal Hyperextension (CH) and they can occur in all breeds.

1. Puppies may have a development abnormality of the ligaments supporting the carpal joint (wrist) which manifests itself as an incorrect gait and an odd-looking foot or feet.  
The hind legs can also be affected.
2. Trauma – of which there can be multiple scenarios and the resultant hyperflexion will be a result of the degree of injury.
3. Degenerative hyperextension of the wrists. This is usually found in older dogs and is common in the Collie breeds.

#### TREATMENT

The treatment &/or way forward will obviously depend on the reason and general prognosis and consultation with your Veterinary Officer and a Specialist is essential.

Surgery, which can include screws and plates is expensive and the after care can be laborious and on occasion the splints applied do not always work.

Euthanasia is also an option to avoid pain and suffering in the animal.

Breeding the sire and dam again is NOT recommended.

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### **MID YEAR CONFORMATION AND DISCIPLINE POINTS**

#### **Adults**

Gr.Ch. & Ch. Chizelhurst Checkpoint of Haaita CBA (Ex) CGC (G) = 140 (Steyn)

Ch. Sanniesebos Suri Sukani of Chizelhurst CBA (Ex) DMA = 74 (Robertson)

Ch. LaGratitude Atticus Earl CBA (Ex) = 31 (Bouwer)\*

LaGratitude Boo Radley = 5 (Drew)

Juohn El Estrada = 5 (Hahnebeck)

#### **Puppies**

Sargethrust Samba Lilly = 14 (Hahnebeck)

LaGratitude Paddington Bear = 8 (Bouwer) \*

\* still to be confirmed



## FROM THE FAMILY ALBUMS



"Lilly" at her first conformation show. So obedient 😊 &

"Hercules" picture perfect

**HOW LONG SHOULD THE NEW OWNER/S BE MADE TO WAIT FOR THE  
KUSA CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION? YOU DECIDE AND SUBMIT  
YOUR RESPONSES TO [info@capebullmastiffclub.co.za](mailto:info@capebullmastiffclub.co.za)**

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## **SCAM ALERT**



**THESE ARE TWO PUPS OUT OF A LITTER THAT ARE BEING ADVERTISED BY  
[ryanerictt@gmail.com](mailto:ryanerictt@gmail.com)**

**IT IS UNKNOWN WHO THE ACTUAL BREEDER IS BUT SEEMINGLY NOT THE  
PERSON THAT IS CALLING HIM/HERSELF ERIC RYAN.**

**Contact [info@capebullmastiffclub.co.za](mailto:info@capebullmastiffclub.co.za) for more details**

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### **☺ AND SOME RESPONSES TO THE 'KISSING SAGA' ☺**

"I kiss my dogs every day. Oh! my word. And my horse. And my mom. And I don't know who she kisses. Oh! my word! But thanks for clarifying regarding suspicious germs that could be present in dog's mouth and therefore also bowls etc.....I fear for my life!!!!" San

"Thank you...makes me very broody for a puppy. Even though they lick faces!" Sue

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