

CAPE BULLMASTIFF CLUB

NOVEMBER 2015 NEWS LETTER

From the Chair: With 2015 rapidly coming to an end we need to attend to the annual administration of the CBC with the first item being the First Notice of Intention to hold our Annual General Meeting.

FIRST NOTICE OF INTENTION TO HOLD THE 5TH AGM OF THE CAPE BULLMASTIFF CLUB

The 5th AGM of the Cape Bullmastiff Club will be held on the 23rd January 2016 at the DRC in Briza, Somerset West 10h00 sharp

Any member who wishes to propose an item for the agenda should do so in writing & submit it to info@capebullmastiffclub.co.za before the 10th January 2016. The Agenda will be distributed directly after final compilation. Only items on the Agenda will be discussed at the AGM and only paid up members may propose an item & receive the Agenda.

The two year mandate of the presently serving Committee will expire on this date & members need to submit their votes for the present incumbents or new incumbents. Postal (or snail mail) as well as e-mail correspondence will be accepted whether for the retention of the present Committee as is, or for other individuals – submit your vote to info@capebullmastiffclub.co.za before 10th January 2016.

The posts of the Chairlady, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Trophy & points Official/ Newsletter co-ordinator / Patron, President and Vice President will become vacant. All officials are willing to serve another two year term for the Club except member Peter Rogers who has tendered his resignation due to work commitments.

Members are also reminded that the 2016 membership fee is due before the AGM and members who have not renewed their membership do not have a right to vote. This amount stands at R120 and has not been increased since the Club's inception

The CBC bank details are as follows:

FIRST NATIONAL BANK, STRAND BRANCH, CODE 200612, ACCOUNT # 62330734048

The Cape Bullmastiff Club, has of today, 87 standing members, both nationally and internationally, and we hope that everyone will renew and stay with us for another year.



The second administrative point for your attention relates to the Breed and Discipline Show Points. These should be submitted for final tally as soon as possible, more specifically directly after each show. The CBC cannot be held responsible for any mistakes in the final placing if the points are not submitted or the information on the sheets incorrect. Each exhibitor is responsible for submitting their own Points sheets to info@capebullmastiffclub.co.za. The last points sheets will be accepted 6th December 2015.

The annual awards will be distributed at the AGM on the 23rd January 2016. **All present holders of trophies should make sure that all engraving is done prior to the trophies being handed back to the Secretary before the AGM on the 23rd January** and that all trophies have been cleaned and in the same condition they were in when received.

You are invited to be there 😊

The third message to our members relates to unsportsmanlike behaviour and the passing of derogatory and unsubstantiated remarks about the Cape Bullmastiff Club &/or its Committee members on the social media pages.

Well known international Judge Andrew Brace refers to this phenomena “as Trial by Facebook” and further adds to his article *Brace Yourself* that this is “with many hysterical accusations and outbursts, most made before actual facts were established.”

If you have a problem with the Club or its Committee then place it on record and submit it to the CBC Committee / Management team to enable the correct processes to be followed in dealing with the matter: info@capebullmastiffclub.co.za.

Membership of the Club is voluntary so should any present member not wish to continue being part of this rich and diverse Club then simply resign or not re-new your annual membership.

The following terms are for your perusal:

Bullying is defined as repeated inappropriate behaviour direct or indirect, whether verbal, gesture, physical or otherwise, conducted by one person or persons against another person or persons. This includes but is not limited to:-

Cyber Bullying – which is placing an offensive or hurtful public message, image or statement on a social network site or other public forum where that message, image or statement can be viewed &/or repeated by other people..

Unacceptable Behaviour is defined as any behaviour that a reasonable person, having regard for the circumstances, would see as victimising, humiliating, undermining or threatening.

Disorderly Conduct is defined as disturbs (sic) the peace or endangering the morals, health or safety of others.

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A CHALLENGE TO YOU ALL

Identify this Cape Bullmastiff Club member and win a years' free membership to the CBC

Submit to info@capebullmastiffclub.co.za before 10th January 2016



A BUMPER EDITION FOR THE FEBRUARY 2016 NEWS LETTER IS PLANNED. THIS IS IN CELEBRATION OF 5 YEARS OF PROGRESS AND SUCCESS FOR THE CBC

In order for this to be viable all members and friends are invited to submit suitable material for possible publication with regard to the September 2011 to February 2016 time frame. A special request to all owners of these wonderful dogs – send your photo's in and I will place them!

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'WACKY &/OR WONDERFUL' BULLMASTIFF BEHAVIOUR'

Does your Bullmastiff display unusual behaviour or do funny things that make you laugh or cry?

Submit your 'wacky or wonderful' photos' to info@capebullmastiffclub.co.za and share them with us.



This dog is into 'table comfort'

BULLMASTIFFS IN AUSTRALIA



Crufts winner 2015 – an Australian Bullmastiff



What a treat 😊

AND AS THE SUMMER PROGRESSES AND THE HEAT INTENSIFIES – BEWARE THE SNAKES AND SCORPIONS ARE WAITING

South Africa is home to a large variety of snakes of all kinds and with the advent of the warm (hot) weather they are slithering all around!

Cape Cobra



Puff adder



Boomslang



Rinkhals



Make your garden snake safe by removing all debris and overgrowth and if plagued with rodents, have a baiting / capturing programme in progress.

Bird baths can be a problem as they provide both a food and water source for the snakes.

Precautions – avoid contact at all costs and do not agitate the snake. Call your dogs away to a safe area while you are dealing with the situation. In the Western Cape snake handler Shaun Mcleod can be reached on 0825325033

If you or your dog are bitten call for help immediately &/ or go to the nearest Veterinarian or Hospital.

First aid can include exposing the bite area, remove excess clothing around the bite & clean the area with water. Do not cut or squeeze or suck the wound. A pressure bandage can be applied if available. Keep yourself or your dog as still as possible.



This MBISS winner died from a Rinkhals bite and this fawn boy was killed by a puff adder

DON'T LET YOUR DOG BECOME A STATISTIC

'FUNNIES and LOVIES'



MORE SERIOUS STUFF

Bandana's

If mine's **YELLOW**



GIVE ME SPACE
I'm not dog friendly

If you see a dog with a yellow/orange bandana - please do not approach this dog or its people with your dog. They are indicating that they need their space from other dogs.

How close is too close? Only the dog and his people know, so maintain distance or give them time to move out of your way.

If you see a dog or crate with a red bandana - please do not approach. Red indicates that the wearer is not dog or people friendly.

STAY AWAY
I don't like other dogs or people



10 TIPS TO SURVIVE FIREWORKS

1. Sometimes a frightened animal escapes despite our best efforts. ID tags, snug fitting collars & microchips help to ensure they are returned safely.
2. Stay at home with your animals if possible, especially if you know there will be fireworks nearby.
3. If you aren't going to be at home, keep them inside. Put your dog in a comfortable, enclosed room where he can hide if he needs to. Ensure he can't break through a window. Put your kitty in its travel crate & cover it with a light blanket. Removing visual stimulation is calming.
4. Place familiar & comforting things around pets such as toys and blankets.
5. Mask the noises by drawing curtains, closing windows and playing calming music.
6. Give your dog a delicious chew toy & offer kitty a catnip scented toy to help create a happy diversion.
7. If you know your pets react badly to fireworks, seek professional advice from your vet ahead of time.
8. Give them a good meal before nightfall so they are more likely to be sleepy and content.
9. Calming wraps & thunder shirts may help. These work like swaddling does for infants & will help make your pet feel secure during stressful situations.
10. Stay calm. Making a big fuss around your pet makes it think there is cause for panic. Showing them you are calm and relaxed helps them understand there is no real danger.

Sources: NSPCA, Chicagonow.com/steve-dales-pet –world, Purina.com, dogbreedinfo.com

With acknowledgement and thanks.

CONGRATULATIONS TO KZN SUPREME TOP DOG 2015 QUALIFIER

CH CHIZELHURST CHECKMATE OF HAAITA

Owned by Ria Steyn from KZN

Gabi de Gouveia is available for Junior and Child handling classes and handling of dogs in the conformation ring. She can be contacted on her Face Book page [Gabi's Junior & Child handling](#) or through gabi@universe-direct.co.za . She charges R150 per lesson and works in the Northern Suburbs.



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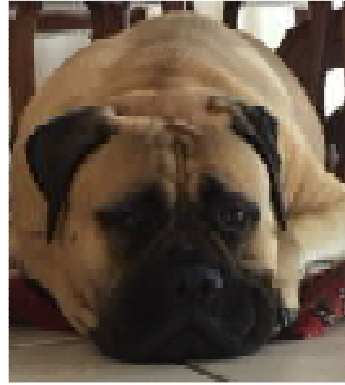
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FAMILY PHOTO'S





dogs leave 
paw prints 
on your heart

Being challenged in life is inevitable – being defeated is optional!