

CAPE BULLMASTIFF CLUB



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From the Chair:

BULLMASTIFFS AS WORKING DOGS – HERO DOGS – SPECIAL DOGS

In this News Letter we look at some of the different roles played by our favourite dog.

The Bullmastiff commenced as the Gamekeepers night dog and poacher deterrent but he has also been a war hero, guard dog 'par excellence', sniffer dog, family dog, carting dog, Police dog, pet and companion dog beyond reproach and he has also been a 'show dog'.....



The Gamekeepers night dog (then & now)

War dog - Rhodesia circa 1978 – KUSA registered Bullmastiff

Adult Bullmastiffs engaged in "Man work" in preparation for Guard duties:



Desirable or undesirable?



Nine month old Bullmastiff male showing a keen sense of interest



YOUNG PUPS BEING INTRODUCED TO THE 'EQUIPMENT'

(NB: These exercises should only be conducted under the control and supervision of a qualified instructor)



Ch. (UK) Springwell Major registered with KUSA in 1935 - imported to help guard the De Beers diamond mines



Sanniesebos Jeremy at 9 weeks – Future Police dog – we wish him well in his career



Family dogs



"Show" dogs



Carting dogs



'Extra Special' dog



And an extra special 'different' dog doing a superb job as a surrogate dad ☺

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The USA has a wonderful badge of honour for all its special service dogs as shown below.
Should South Africa have one too?!



TRIVIA - DID YOU KNOW.....

That Siberian Huskies and Alaskan Malamutes (both from the Working Breeds Group) are not the only dogs that have been used for sledding. The Irish Setter, traditionally working as a Gundog, does a good job there too☺

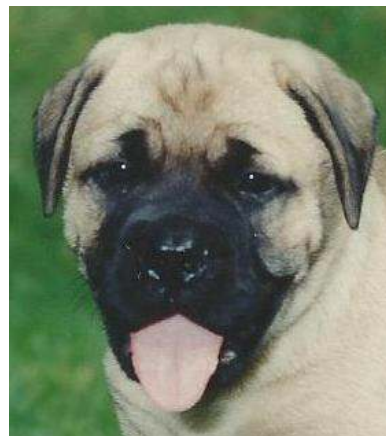


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Why does my dog pant so much?

Dr Anthony Zambelli – Specialist Physician, Inanda Veterinary Hospital

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Why do dogs pant? Do cats pant? Why don't humans pant? Is panting ever a sign of disease?

Easy ones first – humans don't pant. Cats can't pant and if it isn't extremely hot & humid, then there's usually a problem. Some very anxious cats will pant when stressed after a car trip, for instance, but not normally. A panting cat should be kept calm & taken to a vet.

Humans don't pant because quite simply, we sweat. Panting is a thermoregulatory (heat control) mechanism of dogs. Owing to their lack of sweat glands (except around the foot pads), dogs must get rid of heat using the extensive blood vessel systems in their nasal passages. Panting diverts air from the mouth, away from the lungs, through the nose. Only minimal amounts continue to the lungs for respiration. Try rapidly breathing in through your mouth and out through your nose. Within a minute you will develop a respiratory alkalosis & probably a headache. It's a dog thing!

So is panting ever abnormal in dogs? Persistent panting in a non-exercising dog at a comfortable temperature is abnormal. It can be a sign of fear (psychological stressors), pain, metabolic diseases like Cushing' s Syndrome or decompensating Diabetes mellitus, heart failure or high blood pressure. A patient presented to a vet would need a complete physical & orthopaedic examination; urine, blood tests, possibly X-rays, scans or special hormone evaluations.

I have a patient who presented with a two year history of panting and no other clues from the referring vets as to what it could be. After an exhaustive evaluation we found arthritis of the lower neck vertebrae C7 – T1. This geriatric Labrador lives on 3 pain meds. Take away one – she pants. No other signs of pain. So the meds are working! Cortisone therapy is notorious for causing (medically insignificant) panting.

October Shows in the Cape

THE THREE DIMENSIONAL ASPECT

There are three classes of dogs presented at Breed Shows.



The Category A dogs that are the quality dogs – the dogs that should be winning. They should all be rivals for the accolades. One will win today, the next one the next day.

Then there are the Category B dogs. These are the mediocre dogs. They will win if there are no Category A dog's present but should not win if there are. Sometimes, however, they do win and then the credentials of the Judge will come under the spotlight.

The Category C dogs should not be in the Breed Conformation ring, but for whatever reason, are. They should not be considered for any accolades. If any are presented, then again, the credentials of the Judge will come under the spotlight.

Which category is your dog in?

Breede River Valley Kennel Club - 17/10/2015 – Judge Mr S. Watson (Cyprus)



From L to R – BOB: Ch. Bullsaints Elder Gjordur / CC dog: Juohn Don Raphael / CC bitch: Ch. Juohn Donna Arabella & Best Junior: Zeus of Olympus

Cape Town Kennel Club 18/10/2015 – Judge Mrs D. Harbin (Aus)



CC winner: Juohn Lord Rufus Best Junior: Zeus of Olympus

LKC (FCI) Show 20/10/2015 – Judge Mrs Sue Impey (SA)

Dog CACIB winner and RBOB: Ch. Bullsaints Elder Gjordur



Working & Herding Breeds Club 23/10/2015 – Judge Mr M. Johnston (Aus)



From L to R BOB: Ch. Bullsaints Elder Gjordur / RBOB & Bitch CC Juohn Venelia (no photo)/CC Dog Nightsight Henry/ Best Junior Zeus of Olympus

Hottentots Holland Kennel Club 24/10/2015: Judge Mr R Korzos (Hungary)



From L to R BOB: Ch. LaGratitude Durango Duke BA / RBOB & CC Bitch Juohn Venelia (no photo)/ CC Dog Juohn Don Raphael / Best Junior Sanniesebos Suri Sukani (no photo)

Western Province Kennel Club 25 /10/2015 Mrs C Watson (Cyprus)

BOB & 4th in Working Group: Ch. Bullsaints Elder Gjordur / Best Junior in Breed & BJ in Working Group Sanniesebos Suri Sukani

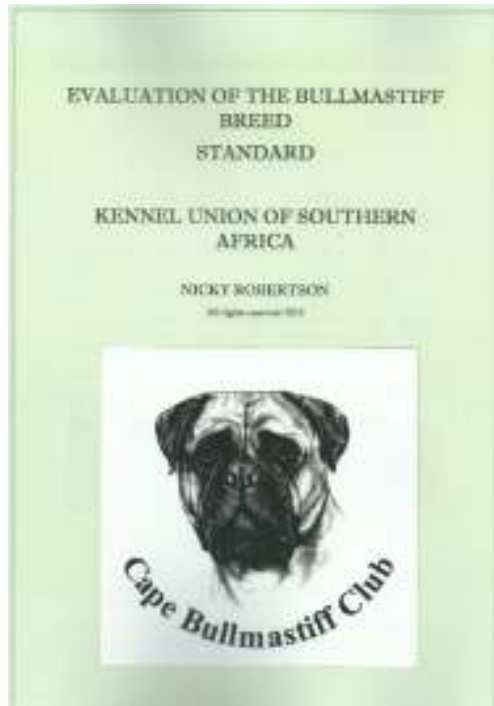


NB: These are only the noted results & not a full representation of all the awards

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS – PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR POINTS ASAP



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IT IS NOT WHAT WE HAVE IN OUR LIVES THAT MATTERS – IT IS WHO!