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Affiliated to KUSA



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of the*

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(Affiliated to the Kennel Union of Southern Africa)

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From the Chair - January 2017

Dear members,

2016 ... What an exciting year!! We had 3 successful shows, a very well attended breed seminar and so much more to be proud of. I'm sure we can all agree that the shows were well run and a huge success! Thank you to my Committee for this, you are the best, everyone worked hard to make a success of 2016. I am very proud of you all!!

To our club members and exhibitors, we had record entries at all our 3 shows, and without your continuous support, this year's accomplishments would not have been possible! Thank you very much for your time, money spent and last, but not least for your stunning Staffords that graced our show ring!

Thank you to our Judges, Mr Frank Van Der Spuy (SA), Ms Janet Higgins (UK) and Mr Louis Visagie (SA). As a club, we feel highly privileged to have had you as our judges for 2016! The integrity and professional manner in which you judged at our shows is highly appreciated by all!

Thank you to the hard working steering committee of the Charity Show, it was, as always a fun filled day! To our fellow Stafford clubs, congratulations on your respective wins! TVL SBTC with your overall win and to PSBTC with your "gees trophy!!

To the Judges on the day, Ms Bianca Jansen (Neth), Mr Pieter Odendaal (SA), Mr Steve Whitehouse (UK) and Ms Christene Chatwin (UK), thank you for honouring the South African Stafford Clubs with your professional conduct and for supporting this worthy cause! Without you, this day would not have been the same!

The focus now shifts to the 2017 Show Year! The NWSBTC committee is already hard at work to ensure that this will be a beneficial and profitable year for its members!

We want to take this opportunity to once again thank our main sponsor, Montego, as well as all our other sponsors, for their continuous and valued support. Without your support and sponsorships, our shows and events would not have been as successful! We hope to continue these wonderful relationships well into the future.

Please renew your membership with our Club as soon as possible or when you attend our Open Trophy Show on 18 February 2017 – photos of trophies to be won by members on the day appears elsewhere in this edition.

Riette ... our Editor, Thank you for all your support and advice during the year, and for this lovely Newsletter. We are truly grateful for all your effort and hard work that makes every edition even better than the previous one!

We look forward to see you all in February!

Kind Regards,

Johann Pretorius

Chairman



THE STAFFORDSHIRE BULL TERRIER CLUB OF THE TRANSVAAL



OPEN SHOW 2017

Affiliated to KUSA and held under their rules.
Sponsored by Hills Science Diet

Date: SATURDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 2017

Venue: Goldfields Kennel Club, Lower level
Boeing Rd, Bedfordview

TIME: Judging will commence at 8:30. AGM will be held after the Open Show.

Entries will be taken between 7:00 - 8:30. The committee reserves the right to appoint an alternative judge, should the advertised judge not be able to keep the appointment.

JUDGE: Mrs. TANIA EDWARDS

Committee:

*Chairman – Peter Grek
Vice Chairman – L Ten Napel
Show Manager – P Bezuidenhout
Show Secretary – E Van Heerden
Vet on call: Dr S Morris*

Entry fees:

***R40.00 per dog per class (Members)
R45.00 per dog per class (Non- members)***

Enquiries:

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Eurika van Heerden - 083 611 3027

Breed Classes:

Baby Puppy, Minor puppy, Puppy, Junior, Graduate, Imported, Veteran, SA Bred, Open & Champion

Rosettes for all class winners (1st to 4th places) as well as special rosettes and prizes for Best in Show, Reserve Best in Show, Best Puppy, Best Opposite sex Puppy, Best Baby Puppy, Best Junior, Best SA Bred and Best Veteran.

Order of Judging: Best Baby Puppy, Best in Show, Reserve Best in Show, Best Puppy, Best Opposite Sex Puppy, Best Junior, Best Veteran and Best SA Bred.

Photographs may be taken of dogs on the day which may be published on our club's webpage. Please notify the show manager if you do not want your dog to be photographed.

- All exhibitors/ Handlers are personally responsible for the control of their dogs and shall be personally liable for any claims which may be made in respect of injury which may arise or be caused by their dogs.
- KUSA rules and regulations apply.

***The Committee looks forward to enjoying the day with members, guests and friends.
To ensure a successful show, we rely on the participation of all Stafford lovers!!!***

RIGHT OF ADMISSION RESERVED



FOR THE CHILDREN
18 FEBRUARY 2017 AT 08H00
VENUE: GOLDFIELDS

JUDGE : TBA

HOSTED BY:

SBTC OF THE TVL AND NORTH WEST SBTC



CLASSES

Mini (4 to 8 years)
Child (over 8 to 11 years)
Junior (over 11 to 18 years)

It will be an informal 'show' and each child will receive a small gift.
Only 'well behaved' Staffords will be allowed to accompany their handlers into the ring (mothers and fathers welcome to assist)

Please email us your childrens' name and age in advance so that we can sort them into classes beforehand to make sure that we have enough prizes for all the kids to eurika.vanheerden@necsa.co.za

No entry fees required.



**NORTH WEST STAFFORDSHIRE
BULL TERRIER CLUB**



**OPEN TROPHY SHOW
18 FEBRUARY 2017
AT APPROX 13H00**



JUDGE : MR G VAN ROOYEN

**VENUE : GOLDFIELDS SHOW
GROUNDS**

- Entries for both SBTC of Tvl and NWSBTC will be taken from 07h30.
- Judging will commence immediately after the handling competition at approximately 08h30.
- The SBTC of Tvl's Open Show will start at 08h30, followed by their AGM.
- AGM of NWSBTC, followed by their Open show at approx 13h00.
- Due to the time factor involved, we cannot specify an exact starting time for NWSBTC's Open show.
- The Committee reserves the right to appoint an alternative Judge, should the advertised Judge not be able to keep the appointment.

ENQUIRIES: Debbie Lurie – 082 822 0772
Stephanie Pretorius – 082 804 2094

ENTRY FEES: R40-00 per dog per class (Members)
R45-00 per dog per class (Non-Members)

BREED CLASSES: Breed classes in which exhibits may be entered:
Dogs to be judged first
and then Bitches in this
order

Baby Puppy (4 to 6 months)	SA Bred (bred in SA)
Minor Puppy (6 to 9 months)	Imported (imported dogs)
Puppy (9 to 12 months)	Veterans (7 years and older)
Junior (12 to 18 months)	Open (open to all)
Graduate (18 to 24 months)	Champions (only champions)

**ORDER OF
JUDGING AND
PRIZES** BBP, BP, BOSP, BJ, BSAB, BV, BOB, BOS.
Dog Food for Winners and special rosettes for the above
challenges as well as Rosettes for 1st to 4th places.

CATERING: A variety of food and cool drinks will be available from the kiosk.

HANDLING - 08H00: Enter at least 7 days prior to the show - nwsbtc@gmail.com
Mini (4 - 8 years), Child (over 8 - under 11),
Junior (over 11 – under 18). No entry fees required.

Photographs may be taken of dogs on the day which may be published in our newsletter and/or on our club's FB page. Photographers (not more than two) will be nominated committee members and will enter the ring after each class has been judged to take photographs of the 1st to 4th placed dogs. Please notify the show manager if you do not want your dog to be photographed.

All Exhibitors/Handlers are 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. No animal other than an exhibit entered for competition or for exhibition shall be permitted within the precincts of the show grounds except registered Guide dogs for the blind, Hearing dogs for the deaf and dogs requested for educational and instructional purposes or by permission of the show holding club.

RING STEWARD: to be advised

RIGHT OF ADMISSION RESERVED

NORTH WEST STAFFORDSHIRE BULL TERRIER CLUB – OPEN SHOW TROPIES
31.01.2016

BEST IN SHOW

Vangershire Trophy
Van Rooyen, G & A



BEST OPP SEX IN SHOW

Riefra Trophy
Steyn, F & R



BEST PUPPY IN SHOW

Krisumitan Trophy
Schoeman, J & Van Wyk, M



NORTH WEST STAFFORDSHIRE BULL TERRIER CLUB – OPEN SHOW TROPIES
31.01.2016

BEST OPP SEX PUPPY IN SHOW

Clanmacmer Trophy
McKechnie, A & M



BEST JUNIOR IN SHOW

Raminartus Trophy
Van Niekerk, S & H



BEST SA BRED IN SHOW

Bronxton Trophy
Pretorius, J & S



NORTH WEST STAFFORDSHIRE BULL TERRIER CLUB – OPEN SHOW TROPIES
31.01.2016

BEST VETERAN

Elata Trophy
Van Staden, W & R



BEST BABY PUPPY IN SHOW

Boldwin Trophy
Vermeulen, N & A





NORTH WEST STAFFORDSHIRE BULL TERRIER CLUB
INAUGURATION – 9 JUNE 2002
OPEN & CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW WINNERS
 October 2002 to August 2016

QUALIFYING October 2002 Judge: Tooley Muller	BOB RES	Berinacois Knersus of Raminartus Sylon Saphooka Bullet of Sivhana
OPEN March 2003 Judge: Gareth Westerdale	BOB BOS	Vangershire Bruno Ch Riefra Extra Splendid
OPEN August 2003 Judge: Gerhard Engelbrecht	BOB BOS	Ch Zigerak Hotstuff of Enchantrix Ch Thorax Kisses 'N Roses
OPEN March 2004 Judge: Bernadine Cronjé	BOB BOS	Vangershire Bruno Vangershire Penny Jane
OPEN August 2004 Judge: Gerrie van Rooyen	BOB BOS	Berinacois Tiger Ch Riefra Mon Cherie
OPEN March 2005 Judge: Meryl McKechnie	BOB BOS	Bashful Bouncer of Doriannas Ch Riefra Mon Cherie
OPEN August 2005 Judge: Adri van Rooyen	BOB BOS	Niccyn Portos Ch Riefra Mon Cherie
OPEN March 2006 Judge: Koos Richards	BOB BOS	Larumo One And Only Ch Sabod Power Potion of Larumo
OPEN August 2006 Judge: Jaques de Bruyn	BOB BOS	Niccyn Bubbles of Sylon Ch Sylon Leo
OPEN March 2007 Judge: Lorraine Valentine	BOB BOS	Clanmacmer Pride Of Gaul Clanmacmer Pot Of Gold
1 st CHAMPIONSHIP May 2007 * Judge: Roger Pugh (UK)	BOB RES	Ch Zeracious Zero To Hero Larumo Jagged Ice
OPEN August 2007 Judge: Sybrand van Niekerk	BOB BOS	Ch Larumo Jagged Ice Larumo Sky Walker
OPEN March 2008 Judge: Tracy Cox	BOB BOS	Kelev Dazzling Beauty Riefra Head Over Heels of Raminartus
2 nd CHAMPIONSHIP May 2008 * Judge: Jenny Smith (UK)	BOB RES	Richmax Secret Sir of Kizus Ch Sylon Saphooka Bullet of Sivhana
OPEN August 2008 Judge: Charles Woods	BOB BOS	Jolihem Bronxton Bessie Frelonius One Of A Kind
OPEN March 2009 Judge: Frik Schoeman	BOB BOS	Sylon Bullseye of Yardstick Jolihem Bronxton Bessie (Imp UK)
3 rd CHAMPIONSHIP May 2009 * Judge: Mick Clarke (UK)	BOB RES	Zakstaff Going Solo of Kilkenny (Imp UK) Sylon Bullseye of Yardstick

OPEN August 2009 Judge: Ursula Ralfe	BOB BOS	Lewon Black Thunder of Kavuki Ch Kelev Black Pearl of Delu
OPEN March 2010 Judge: Louis Coetsee	BOB BOS	Ch Sylon Saphooka Bullet of Sivhana Chassuki Seiko
4 th CHAMPIONSHIP May 2010 * Judge: Jaci McClauchlan	BOB RES	Stofano Riekie Ch Clanmacmer Pride Of Gaul
OPEN August 2010 Judge: Gerhard Engelbrecht	BOB BOS	Lewon Black Thunder of Kavuki Yardstick Lady Avatar
OPEN March 2011 Judge: Rion van der Linde	BOB BOS	Ch Frelonius Leading Man Kelev Julia's Rose
5 th CHAMPIONSHIP May 2011 * Judge: Glynis Yuill (UK)	BOB RES	Richmax Da Bounzer of Bezt Rosswar Coco Chanell
OPEN August 2011 Judge: Frik Schoeman	BOB BOS	Yardstick Rob Roy of Larumo Delu Evah
OPEN March 2012 Judge: Alan Goetsch	BOB BOS	Ch Yardstick Rob Roy of Larumo Kizus I'm That Girl
6 th CHAMPIONSHIP May 2012 * Judge: Gwen Small (UK)	BOB RES	Ch Cassanik JJ Kingofkings of Frelonius Ch Yardstick Rob Roy of Larumo
OPEN August 2012 Judge: Lourens Ten Napel	BOB BOS	Ch Yardstick Rob Roy of Larumo Eukleia Aurora Star
OPEN March 2013 Judge: Adele Coetsee	BOB BOS	Raminartus Veni Vidi Vici of Monetrouge Ch Cassanik JJ Kingofkings of Frelonius
7 th CHAMPIONSHIP May 2013 * Judge: Mick Smith (UK)	BOB RES	Bezt Bushi's Impi Vangershire La Fabulous
OPEN August 2013 Judge: Kobus Swanepoel	BOB BOS	Sharrazar African Spirit Seastaff Top Gun of Eukleia
OPEN March 2014 Judge: Rochelle Erhlich	BOB BOS	Larumo Sgt Major Sharrazar African Spirit
8 th CHAMPIONSHIP May 2014 * Judge: Maureen Ward (UK)	BOB RES	Sharrazar Dark Legend of Bluray Ch Stapphire Red Ostara
OPEN August 2014 Judge: Adrian Austen	BOB BOS	Vomhausharrock Flink Larumo Ice Queen
OPEN February 2015 Judge: Kobus Swanepoel	BOB BOS	Kelev Gipsy Boy Eukleia Ural Guilia
9 th CHAMPIONSHIP May 2015 * Judge: Steve Dickenson (UK)	BOB RES	Stapphire Darke Tenacity Rosswar Shiloh
OPEN August 2015 Judge: Koos Richards	BOB BOS	Larumo Finn Mc-Cool Eukleia Nonus Beulah
OPEN February 2016 Judge: Franklin van der Spuy	BOB BOS	Ch Delu Von Diezel Cravonmark Ella-Mae of Monetrouge
10 th CHAMPIONSHIP May 2016 * Judge: Janet Higgins (UK)	BOB RES	Ch Raminartus Genesis Promise of Monetrouge Ch Larumo Duke Master of Shakinat
11 th CHAMPIONSHIP August 2016 * Judge: Louis Visagie	BOB RES	Marconn Black Jaguar Ch Delu He's The Man

EMERGENCY KITS AT DOG SHOWS

Letters received by Lauren from a Vet whom prefers to remain unanimous

The first letter contains the recommended contents for a Club's or Exhibitor's emergency kit. The second letter is a list of what the Vet on Call at a dog show should have ready in an emergency.

Dear Lauren,

So after looking at your list and chatting to you this is what I suggest.

- 1) A rehydrate solution - definitely not human re-hydrate, but a solution called Darrows which is specifically made for dogs (we don't sell it, but from what I remember I am sure one can buy it over the counter at a vet shop, directions for use on the label).
- 2) Heat stroke - have at least 2 towels on hand. What we do is wet them and cover the dogs, together with a frozen ice pack on the inside of each thigh (you have a large blood vessel running here). If you have a fan on hand, place it on the patient.
- 3) Pain - panado is your best bet if a dog seems in acute pain (NB dog must have no history of having any liver issue). One can give 10 -15 mg/kg thus for a 18 kg staffie you can give 1/4 to a 1/2 of a human 500 mg Paracetamol.
- 4) The safest bet regarding eyes as a result of dust would be to flush each eye with straight forward saline solution.
- 5) In the event of a bee sting, you can give a 4 mg Allergex (1-2 tablets) twice a day. But I find Cortisone works a lot more effectively.
- 6) Diarrhoea - may help to have some Pro-Kolin paste which you can buy over the counter- really great for your dogs that have gastro. You can also buy Protexin powder (probiotic) for these cases
- 7) Stress - this is a difficult one, but would advise trying one of the natural products like calm-eeze (will need to be given in the morning before the show, so not that helpful for acute stress).

Hope this helps you.

Kind regards

Vet

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Hi Lauren,

Attached you will find a list compiling a first aid kit (if I was a vet at a show this is what I would have on hand). The drugs listed can only be kept by a vet, but I thought even if one gives this to the vet on call as a guideline it will help to ensure that the on call vet is well equipped for an emergency.

Drugs should **never** be administered, unless it's by Vet, or under the supervision of a Vet.

Kind regards,

Vet

Suggested Contents of the First aid kit of the Vet on Call at a dog show

- Stethoscope
- Thermometer
- Syringes (1 ml; 3 ml; 5 ml; 10 ml; 20 ml)
- Needles (18g; 21g; 23 g)
- Bandaging material (Crepe 50 mm, soffban 50 mm, vetband 50 mm)
- Elastoplast 25 mm
- Muzzle
- String (in the event of a vet needing to place an endotracheal tube)
- Ambu breathing bag
- Endotracheal tubes (sizes ranging from 7-11)
- Plastic laryngoscope
- Ringers lactate drips
- Admin sets for drip set up
- Extension sets
- Blood tubes (red, green and purple)
- Scalpel blade
- Scissors
- Curved mosquito forceps
- Cotton wool soaked alcohol swabs
- Jelco's (blue and pink)
- Bottle of sterile water
- Foil blanket
- Gauze swabs
- Latex gloves
- Hibitane concentrate for wound cleaning
- Stainless steel bowl
- Betadine or Bactroban wound cream
- Useful drugs to have on hand (can only be kept, dispensed and administered by a veterinarian)
 - Broad spectrum antibiotic (oral and injectable formulations)
 - Anti-emetic drugs for vomiting (oral and injectable formulations)
 - Berenil or Forray 65 in the event of a dog getting Babesia canis (biliary)
 - Lasix injectable
 - Morphine
 - Domitor and antisedan in the event of a dog needing to be sedated
 - Anti-inflammatories
 - Injectable Prednisolone
- Emergency drugs – can only be kept and administered by a veterinarian
 - Adrenaline
 - Dopram
 - Atropine
 - Voluven
 - Valium

*Never give any drug to an animal without consulting a veterinarian first.

CHARITY SHOW - 29 OCTOBER 2016

Judges



Steve Whitehouse (UK), Christine Chatwin (UK), Pieter and Alma Odendaal (SA) and Bianca Janssen (Neth)

Guess this was one of the very few or the only occasion that I will be in a showring with a nurse as ringsteward (and she was a very capable ringsteward - Thank you Marieta ten Napel!!!). Hawaiians, Patients and Pirates - 38 degrees isn't the temperature I say "Hi" to Santa Clause and October isn't the right time also ... but hey, what a show was this! The best atmosphere, a showring in the most beautiful scenery, lovely prizes, wonderful company, feeling very well looked after.

Bianca.

Results

BEST IN SHOW:

Ch Eukleia Aurora Sparkle of Sivhana

RESERVE BEST IN SHOW:

Ch Kelev Morning Star

BEST OPPOSITE SEX IN SHOW:

Boldwin Sassy Girl

BEST PUPPY:

Boldwin Sassy Girl

BEST JUNIOR:

Larumo Running Blaze

BEST GRADUATE:

Bezt Impi's Rommel of Lovinza

BEST VETERAN:

Kelev Julias Rose

BEST SA BRED:

MonetRouge Salvador Dali

BEST OPEN:

Kelev Morning Star

BEST CHAMPION:

Ch Eukleia Aurora Sparkle of Sivhana

BEST BABY PUPPY:

Boldwin Layla

BEST IMPORT:

Storm Blackstaff Rogue of Sharrazar

BEST BRACE:

Diablo / Tjokkie

BEST MINOR HANDLER:

Mary-Leigh Matthys

BEST CHILD HANDLER:

Divan Swanepoel

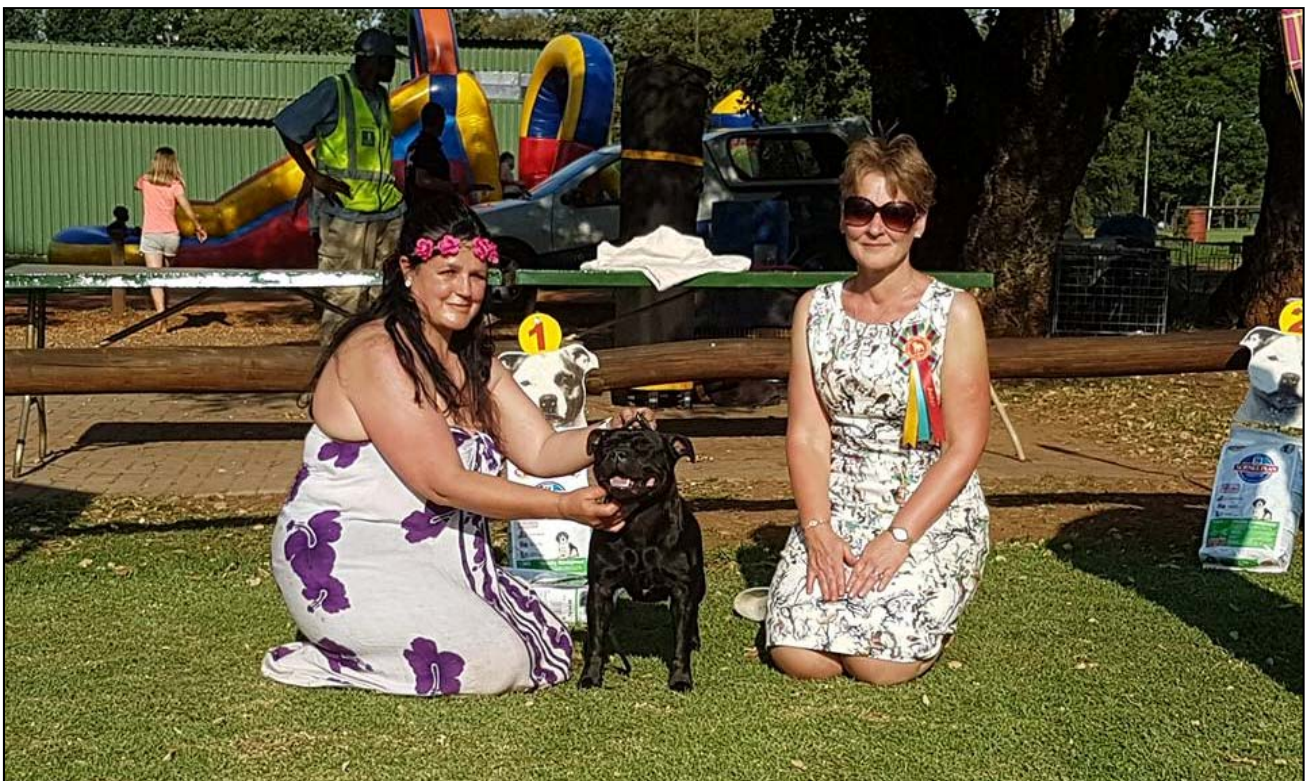
BEST JUNIOR HANDLER:

Brandon Jones

What a fantastic event. Me and Chris feel so privileged to have been asked to judge alongside our co-judges Bianca, Pieter, and every person involved with this awesome day should be very, very proud of themselves. We would like to give a special thank you to Marietta ten Napel for stewarding and doing a fantastic job all day in the sweltering heat, but most of all a massive congratulations to all three Clubs. You have all done the Staffordshire Bull Terrier breed proud. The cocktails and the steaks were also awesome. Me and Chris will certainly try to attend next year. Our best wishes to Pretoria, Transvaal and North West Stafford clubs.
Steve.



BEST IN SHOW and BEST CHAMPION IN SHOW: Ch Eukleia Aurora Sparkle of Sivhana
RESERVE BEST IN SHOW and BEST OPEN IN SHOW: Ch Kelev Morning Star



BEST OPPOSITE SEX IN SHOW and BEST PUPPY IN SHOW: Boldwin Sassy Girl

The Kiddies



Special Thanks !!!



Thank you Frank for excellent photographs!



Thank you Santa for all the lovely presents!



Susan with Scarlett and Robocop for a brilliant performance and fundraising effort!



Marieta, our excellent Ringstewardess!

Winners



BIS + BCIS: Ch Eukleia Aurora Sparkle Of Sivhana



RBIS + BOIS: Ch Kelev Morning Star



BOSIS + BPIS: Baldwin Sassy Girl



BJIS: Larumo Running Blaze



BGIS: Bezt Impi's Rommel of Lovinza



BVIS: Kelev Julius Rose



BSABIS: MonetRouge Salvador Dali



BIIS: Storm Blackstaff Rogue



BBPIS: Baldwin Layla

My sincere thanks for the invitation to participate as one of the judges at the 3rd Charity Show of the three Clubs. To see the show grounds again and to have a quiet moment alone in the main arena truly brought a lump to my throat. It was an incredible day and to see some of the early "pioneers" again were awesome!

Many years have passed since I was actively and passionately involved in showing, breeding and judging Staffords. Regardless of how hard we tried, Alma and myself could not really come to terms with the untimely death of Millenium Bunty of Odenda, affectionately known as "Patrash". The 3rd Charity Show was just the right medicine!

When the first class that I had to judge entered the ring, I felt a moment of panic to see such quality and numbers. The panic changed quickly to delight!

Over all, what a privilege to see all those quality Staffords at the show! The camaraderie and spirit amongst the clubs were refreshing. A wonderful day that we will remember for a long time!

Baie groete,
Pieter Odendaal



Oh gosh, my ship is gone ... I'm stranded!



Wow! Is it Johnny Depp of the Carribean?



What are you looking at? I'll make you walk the plank!



Wow!! He's Cute!!



Come on ... hurry up Judge! I need some Rum!



Enough Rum for me ... I'll have a glass of sea water.



Oh goodness me ... I've just received an S.O.S!



Ahoy ... Ship ahead!



Blackbeard with one of his offspring



Blackbeard's latest cherry



Warning sign ... Do not ignore!



Have you seen my eye pad?





You should see what the other guy looks like!



Hurry Doc Hurry!



Dammit ... Who took my cigarettes?



Make Way! Coming through ... Coming through!



At least the Pirates won this battle!



Hurry up Judge ... I need to be in the E.R.



Have you seen the new Doctor ... Wow!



Just take a deep breath boy ... It's almost over.



Has anyone noticed that I am seriously wounded?



When last has anyone checked this guy's drip?



Now where is that stupid ambulance with my patient?



The sexiest nurse in the Nuthouse!



The Nuthouse



SBTC of the Transvaal – Best Dressed and Overall Winners



Now that was lekka tasty ... Yum!



Dancing Queen, young and sweet.



I'm a Hula-Hula dancer.



You're MY Hula-Hula dancer ... Don't forget it!!



What on earth did they put in this stuff?



Nice pose ... and not referring to the dog!



Flirting with the Judge?



The 2nd ugliest man on the day. Got beaten by Louis!



Jippy ... I'm first!



Hurry up Judge, this is getting very uncomfortable!



Now listen ... In the country that I come from ...



Excellent photo for an OMO ad.



PSBTC – Best “Gees”



Die ‘Padstal’

The Stars of the day!



Caught on Camera!

And
PROOF that the Pirates
WON the battle!

The leader of the so-called
over-all 'winners' was
abducted by the Pirates and
made to walk the plank!
Turned out he was not such a
threat at all ... Just a clean-cut
teddy bear in a pink shirt!

Don't Dismiss These 5 Signs of Pain from Your Pet

By Dr. Becker

Though many pet guardians have developed the excellent habit of regularly brushing their animal companion's teeth and monitoring their oral health, unfortunately, many more have not. We know this because the vast majority of dogs and cats over the age of three have gum disease.

If your pet has a sore mouth, she can't tell you about it. In addition, it's the nature of both dogs and cats to hide pain so they don't appear vulnerable to predators. This means your pet might really be hurting from dental disease while you remain blissfully unaware there's something wrong.

Top 5 Signs of Dental Pain in Pets

1. No signs at all

Dogs, cats, and other companion animals rarely show signs of dental pain. This is a survival mechanism, an instinctual behavior that our domesticated animals have in common with their wild ancestors.

2. Bad breath

The odor is a byproduct of the bacterial metabolic process. In pets with periodontal disease, there is more bacteria in the mouth, and so the odor increases. "Doggy breath" or "tuna breath" is not normal and needs to be evaluated.

3. Altered behavior

Chewing on one side of the mouth, dropping food, running away from the food dish, crying when yawning, hiding, not grooming themselves, and acting "grumpy" are all signs of dental pain. You know your pet better than anyone, so look for abnormal behaviors.

4. Bleeding

Bleeding from the mouth is usually due to periodontal disease, but it could also be evidence of fractured teeth, lacerations, or ulcers on the tongue or gum tissue or the presence of an oral mass.

Look for thick, ropery saliva, spots of blood found on toys or beds, or drops of blood in the water or food dish. If the periodontal disease is severe enough, you may notice bleeding from the nose or bloody discharge when your pet sneezes.

5. Return to normal

Once your veterinarian addresses your pet's oral issues, your pooch may show he's feeling better by acting like a puppy again or your kitty might seek extra attention.

I would add that if you can see red, inflamed gums in your pet's mouth, or teeth with an obvious buildup of brown or greenish plaque and tartar, you can assume that if your dog or cat isn't already in pain, he will be soon without intervention.

How the Plaque on Your Pet's Teeth Can Cause Irreversible Gum Disease

When plaque is allowed to build up on your dog's or cat's teeth, within a few days it hardens into tartar. Tartar adheres to the teeth and irritates the gums. Irritated gums result in an inflammatory condition called gingivitis. Pets with gingivitis have red rather than pink gums, and they often also have stinky breath.

If the tartar isn't removed from your pet's teeth, it builds up under the gums, eventually causing them to pull away from the teeth. This creates small pockets in the gum tissue that trap additional bacteria in the mouth.

At this stage, your pet has developed an irreversible condition called periodontal disease, which not only causes considerable pain, but can also result in abscesses, infections, loose teeth, and bone loss.

How quickly this process takes place in your pet's mouth depends on a number of factors, including her age, overall health, diet, breed, genetics, and the frequency and quality of dental care she receives.

Poor Oral Health Is Linked to Heart Disease in Pets

Studies have proved a conclusive link between [gum disease](#) and [heart disease](#) in humans and dogs (studies on cats are sparse, but it's reasonable to assume a similar link exists for felines). When your pet develops periodontal disease, the surface of his gums is weakened. The breakdown of gum tissue allows mouth bacteria to invade your pet's bloodstream and travel throughout his body. If his immune system doesn't kill off the circulating bacteria, it can reach the heart and infect it.

Studies have shown that oral bacteria, once launched into the bloodstream, seem able to fight off attacks by the immune system.

A Purdue University study points to a strong correlation in canines between gum degeneration and endocarditis, which is an inflammatory condition (infection) of the valves or inner lining of the heart.

Researchers also suspect certain strains of oral bacteria may lead to heart problems. Some types of bacteria found in the mouths of dogs produce sticky proteins that can adhere to artery walls, causing them to thicken. Mouth bacteria are also known to promote the formation of blood clots that can damage the heart.

Here's an Excellent Way to Control Tartar Buildup on Your Pet's Teeth

Your pet's diet plays a significant role in the amount of tartar she collects on her teeth.

Raw diets – even prepared, ground raw diets – help control tartar. Raw ground bone is a gentle dental abrasive that acts like fine sandpaper when chewed, which helps remove debris stuck on teeth. The meat contains natural enzymes, and in addition, raw food doesn't stick to teeth, unlike starchy kibble.

And speaking of kibble – it's a complete myth that [dry pet food](#) helps to keep your pet's teeth clean. Kibble is no better for your pet's teeth than crunchy human food is for your teeth. Do you eat granola or peanut brittle in lieu of brushing and flossing? Of course you don't! The idea that dry food keeps your pet's teeth clean is just as silly!

For dogs and cats, chewing plays an important role in removing plaque and tartar from teeth. Even though there are plenty of toys and food products on the market that can be of some help (providing your pet will chew them), [raw bones](#) are really the best option, and few dogs will turn them down.

It's important the bones are raw, because cooked bones can splinter and do serious damage to your pet's GI tract. The size depends on the size of your pet and whether she's such an eager chewer that she risks injuring herself or even breaking teeth. Your dog should always be supervised when she's working on a bone to minimize the risk of choking or tooth damage, and raw bones should be refrigerated between chewing sessions.

Daily Tooth Brushing Is the Best Way to Insure Your Pet's Oral Health

With a gentle hand, patience, and persistence, most pet guardians can teach their dog or cat to submit to [daily tooth brushing](#), which is the ideal way to insure tartar doesn't form on your pet's teeth.

One of the secrets to successful tooth brushing is to progress slowly and gently, allowing your pet to adapt at his own pace. Start with your finger rather than a toothbrush. Gently rub the top front teeth and all the way to the back teeth. Then do the same on the lower teeth. Praise your pet often and keep the sessions short.

Once your pet is relatively comfortable with your finger in his mouth, wrap a very thin damp cloth or piece of gauze around your fingertip and rub the teeth.

The next step is to use a safe, natural dental cleaning product designed for pets and apply a small amount to the gauze before you rub your pet's teeth. Once he gets used to this, you can progress to either a finger brush or a soft toothbrush the right size for your dog's or cat's mouth.

If your pet is highly resistant to having his teeth rubbed or brushed, there are products available that when applied to the teeth go to work to break down plaque and tartar without brushing. However, the more rubbing and brushing your pet will allow, the more quickly you'll see results, and the easier it will be to maintain your pet's oral health and prevent a painful mouth condition.



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ALL DOG OWNERS

BE AWARE :-

KEEP AN EYE OPEN FOR SMALL COLOURED STICKERS ON GATES, WALLS, FENCES AND DOORS. GANGS ARE MARKING HOW MANY DOGS LIVE, IN THE PROPERTY, TO STEAL THEM. THEY ARE USING THEM FOR DOG BAIT FOR FIGHTING DOGS, AND DOG FIGHTING!!!!!!

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