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Just a brief Boxer Chat this time.

Zeno has just come home from a long stay in 'hospital' at my vets. He has contracted a really nasty case of colitis (inflammation of the colon). He's been at the vets for five nights and is still far from better, although he seems fairly cheerful in himself and is at least eating again. But the bleeding really concerns me... the vet is doing everything he can, but progress is slow. If he doesn't improve in a couple of days he will have to go for a colonoscopy to see what's going on. We are so hoping it doesn't come to that. Paws crossed he's on the mend now.

There is a condition called "Boxer Colitis". I think it might be an good idea to investigate this in the next issue.

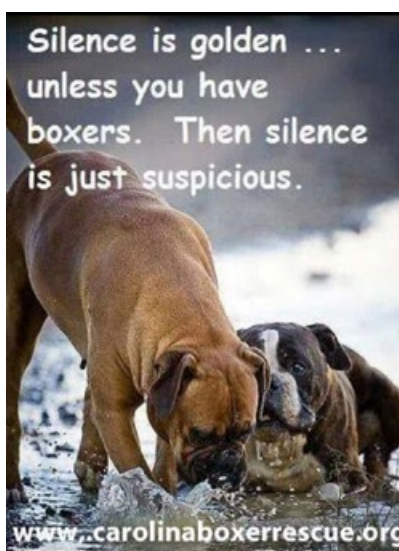
To prevent Koko crying in the kitchen at night without him, she has been allowed to sleep on our bed with us, but the novelty of the furry face next to mine has worn off a bit. The dead weight means I am constantly being squashed out of my side of the bed. Madam wedges herself between us and then straighten the legs out and as Steve is immovable, I'm the one that gets displaced. And turning over is nigh impossible. Now I understand why Boxer owners go for king-size beds – a queen size just doesn't cut it.

I felt that, given my present circumstances, the photo above was fairly appropriate.

I hope you enjoy this issue.. we are at the end of the Boxer Standard, so by now you should all know your Boxers from back to front and every other angle!

In the next few issues we shall be featuring our Gauteng breeders, their kennel histories and anecdotes, which I think will prove interesting, as many of you will have Boxers which are descended directly or indirectly from their bloodlines.

We are holding a fundraiser with the Siberian Husky Club and are selling tickets for the **90s Mania** music show on Sunday afternoon, July 10th at the Barnyard Theatre in Rivonia, which, especially if you get a bunch of friends together and book a table, will be a great excuse to get out and have fun. Food and drinks will be available on the premises.

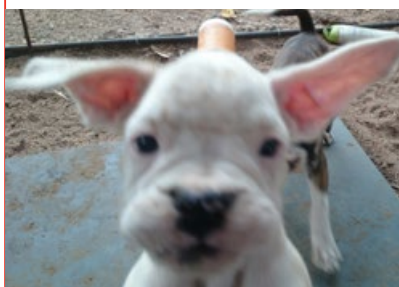


Looking for the right home....

Erna has a remaining white bitch puppy "Romi" from her last litter, who is looking for the perfect home. Her hearing is fine, and apparently she is a little monkey, with bags of character!

Here is a photo taken of her in action a few weeks ago – too cute!

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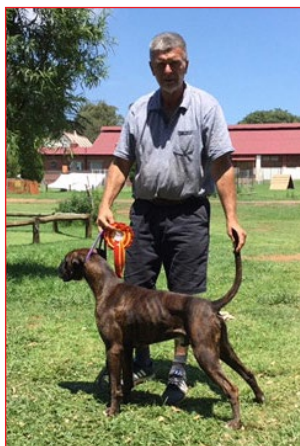
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BCGR OPEN SHOW 21 February 2016

Our Open Show in February was a good day out – plenty of Boxers entered, in the fun classes as well as the breed classes. Thank you all who participated and thank you to our judge Duane Riley – he did a great job.

Best in Show and Best Puppy went to Wolfgang Raschke's up-and-coming boy "Itano" (Ilruca Itano Ino). Reserve Best in Show was Ardele Fernandes' lively young lady "Mia" (who actually behaved herself quite nicely in the ring, despite Ardele's fears!). Best Puppy went to "Kelso", an Ilruca puppy, and Best Baby Puppy to Sally Young's young protégé "Bentley" (Chiswick Unveiled). Best Veteran was awarded to Erna Faber's "Ocean" (Ch Maroelani Ocean No 11) and best White Boxer went to "Tarka", also a member of the Raschke family. Congratulation to all our worthy winners!



Wolfgang and judge Duane Riley with Itano, Best In Show winner.



Duane and Ardele with Mia, Reserve Best in Show.



Lucy and Wolf showing their puppies Bentley & Kelso (with Bentley demonstrating his appreciation of the judge, below).



Tarka struts his stuff around the ring.



Sally and Riley, and Keanu showing Best Veteran Ocean.



The Boxer Standard

The Official Boxer Breed Standard of the Kennel Union of South Africa

PART 9. SIZE & WEIGHT

KUSA BREED STANDARD

HEIGHT: At the withers: Dogs: 57–63 cms Bitches: 53–59 cms

WEIGHT: Dogs: Over 30kgs when height at withers is around 60cms. Bitches: About 25kgs when height at withers is around 56cms.

SIZE

The Boxer is considered to be a medium-sized dog breed. One must remember that even though there are breed standards, each dog is an individual and there will be some who are a bit smaller and some who are a bit larger... also, growth often happens in rapid phases.

Because the Boxer is a rather large dog (for technically being a medium breed), the growth rate for Boxer puppies greatly varies. Until a Boxer dog is 2 years old, you will not know the adult weight, size and physique that your dog will have. To ensure that your dog is growing at the best rate possible, you will want to feed your Boxer the highest quality food you can, provide daily exercise and keep up regular veterinarian checkups to maintain good health.

As with all dog breeds, there will be Boxer dogs that are smaller than the average breed standard. Just as there will be dogs that are larger than the breed standard. If there are no underlying health conditions with your Boxer, as long as a dog is receiving all of the proper care, smaller dogs can be just as healthy.

Undersize in Boxers can be caused by low growth hormones, stunting the dog's growth – this is often caused by damage to the pituitary gland and in some very rare cases, a dog may have canine dwarfism, which can be verified by your vet. A deviation of 10% is not uncommon, either smaller or larger than the breed standard given above, and weight can vary depending on whether your Boxer is tall and lean in build or short and stocky.

One must remember that show breeders will have many puppies who are just wonderful, but fall a tad short of what is needed to conceivably win a rosette, and these will be sold as pets.

GROWTH

1. In general, the smaller a dog's final adult weight, the sooner he or she will stop growing – therefore if your Boxer is genetically predetermined to be 27kgs, he will still be in a growth stage at the age of 17 months as opposed to another that is genetically predetermined to be 23kgs.
2. Final size cannot be determined for several years. Most puppies will grow in both height and weight until the age of 18 months (minimum) and 24 months (maximum). This refers to most... there will always be exceptions.
But growth does not stop there... after full height is reached, the Boxer will then continue to grow in girth until the age of 2 to 3 years old. With many, the time between 1.5 years and 3 years old will be when the chest area really fills in and becomes broad.
3. Even when a Boxer has finished developing in both height and weight, the growth plates will not fully close until the approximate age of 18 months... for this reason, one must take care to not over-exercise the dog.

Exercise is very important and essential for good health; a daily walk, a 20–30 minute cardio burst that can be achieved by playing fetch and normal activities such as command training is the limit of what a younger than 18 month old should be expected to do.



2 months



6 months



16 months



4 years

From birth until 2 years old, your Boxer is considered a puppy and the method of comparing its age to a human's is done in a different way to after the age of 2.

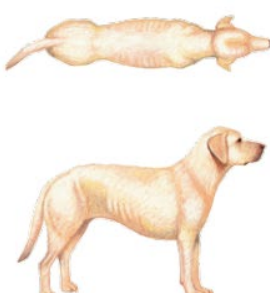
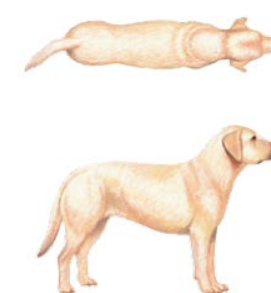
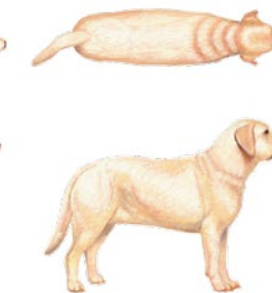
Once the Boxer becomes 5 years old, the age equivalence can be charted with a more even and steady pace.

Opposite is an age equivalent chart for the Boxer to human years.

Boxer years	Human year equivalent
5	39
6	47
7	49
8	54
9	58
10	63
11	68
12	73
13	78
14	83

WEIGHT

Major departures from the recommended weights given in the Breed Standard are cause for concern regarding the health of your dog. The chart below gives **Weight Guidelines**:

BODY 1 SCORE	BODY 2 SCORE	BODY 3 SCORE	BODY 4 SCORE	BODY 5 SCORE
VERY THIN < 5% body fat Ribs – Easily felt with no fat cover Tail Base – Bones are raised, no fat cover Side View – Severe abdominal tuck Overhead View – Accentuated hourglass shape 20% below ideal body weight	UNDERWEIGHT 5-15% body fat Ribs – Easily felt with little fat cover Tail Base – Bones are raised with slight fat cover Side View – Abdominal tuck Overhead View – Marked hourglass shape 10% below ideal body weight	IDEAL BODY WEIGHT 16-25% body fat Ribs – Easily felt with slight fat cover Tail Base – Some contour with slight fat cover Side View – Abdominal tuck Overhead View – Well-proportioned waist Ideal body weight	OVERWEIGHT 26-35% body fat Ribs – Difficult to feel under moderate fat cover Tail Base – Some thickening, bones palpable under moderate fat cover Side View – No abdominal tuck Overhead View – Back is slightly broadened at waist 10% above ideal body weight	OBESE > 35% body fat Ribs – Difficult to feel under thick fat cover Tail Base – Thickened and difficult to feel under thick fat cover Side View – No waist, fat hangs from abdomen Overhead View – Back is markedly broadened. 20% above ideal body weight
				
Consult your veterinarian!	Consult your veterinarian to see if you are underfeeding your dog.	Great job! Keep doing what you are doing.	Consult your veterinarian about the right nutrition for your dog and about ways to increase activity.	Extra weight can cause serious health problems for your dog. Consult your veterinarian about the right nutrition for your dog.

OVERWEIGHT: Obesity – or excessive body fat resulting in an overweight condition – is sadly an extremely common and preventable problem affecting our pets, with more and more cases seen every year.

Canine obesity is in fact the most common nutritional disorder seen in dogs. As with humans, it's caused by an imbalance of taking in more energy than giving out. This can give rise to a persistent and potentially life threatening energy surplus.

How to know if your dog is overweight

Signs of canine obesity include owners unable to see or feel their dog's ribs, spine or waistline; abdominal sagging; a bigger, rounder face; a reluctance to go for walks or lagging behind; excessive panting; and the dog appearing tired and lazy. Grossly overweight dogs may even need assistance getting up and down, in and out of vehicles, and often refuse to move or play games.

Problems associated with obesity

Vets see these problems all too often, with obese pets posing greater risks from anaesthetic and surgical complications, heat or exercise intolerance, complications from cardio-respiratory disorders, hormone problems, skin disease, cancer, urogenital disorders, even early death. Canine obesity may even contribute to tracheal collapse and laryngeal paralysis too.

Common canine problems suffered as a result of obesity include diabetes (where the pancreas fails to secrete enough insulin in order to regulate blood glucose levels); heart disease (caused by high cholesterol levels); as well as arthritis directly affecting mobility, making it even harder for your pet to lose weight.

Until fairly recently, fatty tissue was thought to be just a relatively lifeless energy store and insulator; but we now know it secretes hormones affecting appetite, inflammation, insulin sensitivity and bodily function, as well as influencing water balance and blood pressure leading to kidney disease and high blood pressure.

Factors contributing to canine obesity

Excess energy is stored primarily as fat but many other factors also contribute to canine obesity including age, sex, reproductive status, inactivity, owner's decisions on dog's food intake, diet and palatability, environment, lifestyle, and any underlying disease that impairs exercise and results in excessive weight gain. Some breeds, appear to have a higher incidence of obesity, indicating that genetics may play a major part, with unneutered adult dogs often weighing less than neutered dogs of the same breed too.

Neutering is usually carried out at a young age – the same time as a natural decrease in growth and energy needs. Oestrogen also slows down fat production, with predictably decreased levels post spaying, so owners who are unaware of this change and continue to feed their pets the same amount of food will usually see a weight gain in their dog.

Like us, aging dogs become less active needing less daily energy too, so it's no surprise that if food intake is not decreased proportionately, they can easily pile on the pounds.

Feeding table scraps and other fatty treats may encourage many pets to overeat and gain excessive weight; in some adult dogs, up to half the calories they need are supplied as human food, particularly in toy breeds.

Surprisingly, few owners are still unsure about how much to feed their dog, failing to measure food accurately, and sometimes in denial about how much they feed.

The social setting of meals can also influence eating behaviour, with most dogs increasing their food intake when eating alongside other pets in what's known as 'social facilitation'. That said, being an 'only dog' has also been associated with the risk of obesity, which is probably due to being spoilt rotten by its owners.

Ways to prevent obesity

If your dog is overweight, then you need to start change his feeding habits; increase exercise (e.g. more or longer walks, or take up a canine activity such as agility or flyball); look at the type of food and his intake; create a feeding plan; and incorporate regular visits to your vet for weight loss advice and to have weight checks.

Diets rich in protein and fibre but low in fat are typically recommended for weight loss, as it gives the dog the feeling of being full, but also provides them with more energy. Replacing traditional treats with carrot sticks is a great healthy way to start.

Divide your dog's daily amount into several meals and try not to feed them too late, as they won't burn many calories when sleeping.

Ensure every family member is given their own pet feeding instructions and never leaves any food lying around. Remember, when introducing a new food, do it gradually over a seven-day period, mixing new food with the old, and always check the daily recommended amount.

Avoid feeding scraps from the table or any leftovers, and always check the daily recommended feeding guide on the packaging and weigh out the daily amount at the beginning of the day. You can then give 'treats' from this amount during the day, so you don't overfeed.

When your dog starts to lose weight, you will notice he is happier, more inclined to exercise, and has a lot more energy. So don't hesitate to book an appointment with your vet for advice and a healthy eating plan that helps your dog battle the bulge.

UNDERWEIGHT: While canine obesity is a problem, there are owners who have a Boxer that is underweight. There is a stage that some young Boxers go through when they will look too skinny. This often happens during a rapid growth phase when the dog struggles to have his weight catch up to his height and in this case, is temporary. At any other time, if ribs are very prominent, most likely the dog is not receiving enough nutrition, or is having trouble absorbing nutrients and therefore there is an underlying health issue.

When you have an underweight dog, the first step is to have a complete vet exam. Countless health issues can cause weight loss or an inability to put on weight. This, in turn, can lead to dangerous secondary issues such as malnutrition and dehydration.

If your Boxer is deemed to be 100% healthy, it is time to look into the dog's nutritional needs. Every dog is different, and if your Boxer is very active, he or she may need more food to keep their body going. With a dog which is otherwise healthy, but too skinny, increase the food intake. You may wish to add a feeding time or to add more food to each meal.

Most importantly, not only is it suggested to offer more food to the underweight dog, but to always and only offer healthy, home-cooked meals or high quality dog food. Inexpensive dog food may save you a few rands but will be destructive to your Boxer. Cheap dog food is not easily digested, many of the nutrients are not absorbed into the dog's body and are expelled when the dog eliminates. Both regular meals and snacks should be only of the highest quality.

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Bruce - a Top Pet Slimmer in the PDSA Pet Fit Club



Bruce the heavyweight boxer from Rochester in Kent, lost nearly 11kg after taking part in PDSA Pet Fit Club



The formerly podgy pooch gave up his favourite breakfast of Weetabix with goat's milk and honey to shed the pounds on the six-month diet and exercise plan, helped by his owner Thomas Cummins, 56.

Bruce originally weighed in at 55kg, making him about 60% overweight and morbidly obese.

But with expert help from vets and nurses at Gillingham PDSA Pet Hospital, Bruce lost a fifth of his total body weight. He now weighs in at a much healthier 44kg and is well on the way to reaching his ideal weight.



Duncan Lou Who

the amazing story of a little two-legged Boxer whose zest for life has surpassed his disabilities... he has become an inspirational example of hope and love.



Above, Duncan as a puppy and below, having a great time running on the beach.



incontinence, etc. Giese and Walters chose to amputate.

Duncan could walk on his front legs before the surgery, and he was up and walking on them one hour afterwards! Removing his hind legs made a significant difference in his ability to walk by removing the extra weight.

Walters and Giese have had three wheelchairs made specifically for him, but he's rejected them all, opting instead to run on two legs. He was trying to lift the wheelchairs which caused a tremendous amount of stress on his front legs, so it's better he uses his own method of locomotion. He stopped growing at four months of age, and at only 18 pounds, it isn't difficult for him to walk on two legs. Prosthetics haven't been an option as there's nothing to attach them to. Having to walk this way is hard on his little body, it has already caused premature damage to his joints.

Despite the best efforts of Duncan's guardians, the sweet Boxer won't gain weight – and they fear that his life expectancy will likely be abbreviated. But they're going to make every moment count. He is not available for adoption – he is forever part of the Panda Paws Pack and family. Because of his medical issues and limited life expectancy, he is classified as hospice and is being given the best quality of care possible.

He continues to look very thin, it is because he burns a tremendous amount of calories only having two legs and being so active. The rear half of his body has atrophied because he doesn't use it. Boxers tend to carry most of their weight in the front half of their body anyway. Since Duncan can't build muscle in his rear section it is mostly just skin and

Duncan, a two-legged Boxer in Vancouver, Washington State, USA, gained internet fame after his owner Amanda Giese uploaded a video onto the internet of him running on the beach. The video went viral, capturing the hearts of animal lovers worldwide.

Duncan was rescued by an organization called Panda Paws Rescue, a Vancouver-based nonprofit rescue that specializes in saving dogs who have special needs, need major medical care, or who need hospice care.

Giese and Walters, who run Panda Paws Rescue, didn't anticipate the overwhelming response to Duncan's video as the happy dog ran along Oregon's Rockaway Beach.

"Duncan went crazy," stated Amanda, "His feet hit the sand and he tore through it all. He's an inspirational little guy."

Duncan, who was born with severely deformed rear legs, had a doubtful future before coming to Panda Paws Rescue. His rear legs had fused into an "X" and his pelvis was also improperly formed. Walters and Giese rescued Duncan when he was three months old and their vet said that they could either euthanise him or amputate his hind legs, which were twisting his spine and were 100% unusable. They would have eventually caused severe pain,



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bone. In addition, he has a metabolic disorder that doesn't allow him to absorb nutrition like other dogs. He is on a special prescription diet, supplemented with peanut butter to try and keep him at an ideal weight. He eats as much as Amanda's Rottweiler and his weight is constantly monitored. He is not in daily pain. He suffers from mild tendonitis in his right shoulder, which does have flair ups, but is treated with warm laser therapy and physical therapy.

"His life is probably going to be cut short," stated Giese. "We don't know how short, so we just let him live life to the fullest for as long as he can."

"We believe that quality of life is more important than quantity and we will do everything we can to keep Duncan's quality of life excellent. Duncan's spirit is strong and he will never quit, we will ultimately have to decide for him when his quality of life is no longer at an acceptable level. We will not ever put Duncan in a situation where we feel he is in pain or suffering."

"We made some money off the original YouTube video that went viral. 100% of that money went back into Panda Paws Rescue. We do not charge for Duncan's appearances or pay for social media boosts. His media success is 100% organic. We do not believe Duncan to be a marketing tool or a way for us to make money and it will always be that way. We do however push to share his story in a way that will continue to inspire people and change minds about differently abled animals.

Duncan will live out the remainder of his life with Walters and Giese as a member of the Panda Paws pack – loved every moment, and a reminder of the powerful impact that special needs animals can have on our hearts.



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EHRlichiosis in DOGS

CANINE EHRlichiosis is a potentially fatal tick-borne disease which has become increasingly prevalent in tropical and sub-tropical countries including South Africa. It is also known by other names such as 'tracker dog disease' and 'canine typhus.' It came to public attention after a large number of military dogs in the war in Vietnam were affected.

WHAT CAUSES EHRlichiosis?

It is caused by an organism called a rickettsia, a type of bacteria. There are multiple strains affecting different species of animals, including humans. People do NOT get infected directly from a dog, but through a tick bite. Symptoms include fever, chills, headache, and muscle aches and nausea, plus possibly loss of appetite, weight loss, abdominal pain, cough, diarrhea and change in mental status.

Dogs infected only with *ehrlichia canis* may not exhibit acute symptoms, but hemorrhagic forms of the disease (those associated with bleeding), can be fatal. In South Africa, dogs frequently become co-infected with both *Babesia canis* and *Ehrlichia canis*, and display more severe symptoms as a result.

HOW IS EHRlichia TRANSMITTED?

In domestic dogs, *Ehrlichia* are transmitted by kennel ticks – the most common culprit here being a tick called "*Rhipicephalus sanguineus*" or the "Brown Dog Tick" which lives in domestic environments; homes, kennels, shacks, cages and even where dogs are chained. The *Ehrlichia* can remain alive in a tick for several months, which means they can overwinter and then infect the dogs in the warmer months when the ticks become most active.

SYMPTOMS

There are 3 different stages of the disease in dogs.

Acute phase of ehrlichiosis: 1–3 weeks after bite from infected tick

Symptoms present around 1-3 weeks after bite from infected tick

- Enlarged lymph nodes
- Weakness
- Lethargy
- Depression
- Lack of appetite
- Difficult respiration
- Water retention & swelling in the legs.



Most dogs recover at this point, but others progress to the subacute and chronic phases.

Subacute phase ehrlichiosis:

- Abnormally elevated immune proteins
- Low blood platelet counts and anaemia

This phase, which can be free of obvious symptoms, can last months to years.

Chronic phase of ehrlichiosis:

- Abnormal bleeding
- Nose bleeds
- Severe weight loss
- Fever
- Trouble breathing due to inflammation of the lungs
- Joint inflammation and pain
- Seizures in some animals
- Lack of coordination
- Head tilt
- Eye pain
- Anemia
- Kidney failure
- Paralysis

BAK'S SEEING EYE GOOSE



When Baks the four-year-old Boxer lost his sight in an accident, his friend Buttons became his "seeing-eye goose".

Buttons the four-year-old goose leads her buddy around everywhere, either by hanging over him with her neck, or by honking to tell him which way to go.

Owner, Renata Kursa in Lublin, Poland, was heartbroken when Baks was left blind after an accident. But gradually Buttons got him up on his feet and started walking him around. They are now inseparable, their owner says they even chase the postman together!

PARIS THE RECYCLING BOXER



Paris was a 10-year-old Boxer living in Bodmin, England, with her owner, Fran Hodges. Whenever she went out for walks, Paris always picked up recyclable materials – mostly plastic bottles and aluminum cans – and carried them to the nearest bin, where she would drop them and wait for Fran to dispose of them.

Hodges insists she never trained Paris to do this. She says her dog has been doing it since she was a puppy and it's just a part of her. She even set up a Facebook page to document Paris's recycling missions.

Sadly Paris died very recently, but she will be fondly remembered for her recycling efforts.

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AGGRESSION IN BOXERS



Boxers are generally friendly dogs, but can be a little highly-strung. Overall, Boxers love people and children. As long as they're properly socialized, they get along very well with other pets. But they do sometimes have aggressive tendencies that need to be kept in check.

Same-Sex Aggression

The most common problem with aggressive behaviour in Boxers is territorial and dominance aggression toward other dogs of the same sex. This is especially true with female Boxers. Although they generally get along fine with male dogs, female Boxers tend to pick fights with other females. Male Boxers who haven't been neutered, meanwhile, can be aggressive toward other male dogs. Boxers also tend to hold grudges; once one becomes angry with another dog, he might consider that dog to be a lifelong enemy. It's generally best to never place a female boxer in a home with another female dog and to make sure male Boxers are neutered early to keep them from developing aggression towards other dogs.

On-Leash Aggression

Boxers need to be exercised regularly; unfortunately, being on-leash sometimes brings out their territorial nature, causing them to behave aggressively toward other dogs they meet. Boxers also sometimes become more protective and defensive of their owners while on leash. A head collar with a loop that goes over the muzzle can give owners more control and help to keep this sort of aggressive behaviour in check. In the event that it goes too far, such a collar can help the owner to regain control of a fighting Boxer without getting in the middle of the fight.



Prey Instinct

The Boxer was originally bred from crossing a bulldog with a bullenbeisser, which was a German hunting dog. As such, the boxer inherited a strong instinct for catching prey, which leads the breed to display aggression toward small animals such as squirrels, rabbits and birds, and even sometimes larger animals such as sheep and deer. The family cat should be safe if the Boxer is introduced to it as a puppy; but unfamiliar cats, as well as other small pets, are in danger of falling victim to the Boxer's prey drive.

Dealing With Aggression

Boxers are highly energetic dogs who require daily walks and other forms of exercise to help them release pent-up energy and stay calm. They are strong-willed and need

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Ehrlichiosis cont.

DIAGNOSIS

At the vet's, you will need to provide a thorough history of your dog's health leading up to the onset of symptoms, including recent activities, and the environment your dog spends time in. It goes without saying that if your dog has recently been bitten by a tick, you will need to share this information.

Diagnosis is based on the typical clinical signs and results of special blood tests. Dogs with an active infection will show a significant rise in the amount of antibody present. The antibodies can last for one or more years after the infection, but they do not make the dog immune to ehrlichiosis – the dog can unfortunately get reinfected.

TREATMENT

The antibiotics, tetracycline or doxycycline "Doxydog" are used. Treatment should be maintained for at least 4 weeks, even though the dog's symptoms generally improve after several days of therapy. Some dogs will need blood transfusions or intravenous fluids depending on the severity of the disease. Generally, the prognosis during the acute phase is good, if the animal is properly treated. Dogs who go on to the chronic phase have a poorer prognosis. (German Shepherds and Doberman Pinschers tend to have a more severe chronic form of the disease.)

HOW CAN I PREVENT EHRlichiosis IN MY PET?

There is no vaccine for ehrlichiosis so tick control is the main way to prevent it.

Products which repel and kill ticks such as those containing permethrins are excellent choices. Tick collars containing the active ingredient amitraz (Preventic collars) are also used, sometimes in conjunction with permethrin products in those areas with high tick infestations.

K9 Advantix works well as it affects fleas and ticks as soon as they come in contact with your dog, attacking the nerve cells causing paralysis and death before they can actually bite.

If a large number of cases of ehrlichiosis are diagnosed in an area, some veterinarians recommend placing dogs on low doses of tetracycline or doxycycline during the tick season.

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owners who are both willing and able to be strong, dominant leaders and establish firm boundaries for acceptable behaviour. It's important to show your Boxer from a young age that aggression will not be tolerated. Early socialization with other animals and people can help avoid aggressive tendencies as the dog gets older. If your Boxer shows aggressive tendencies despite your best efforts to contain them, consult a veterinary behavioural expert for help in getting the aggression under control.

Hopefully you will never have to break up a fight between your boxer and another dog. But you should know what to do and what not to do during any dog fight.

What NOT to do ...

- Yell, scream, panic, or let your emotions get out of control. This will always make the fight more intense.
- Stick your hands in to try and grab a collar/leash or one of the dogs. This is how most people get bitten during a fight.
- Throw things at the dogs. This will more likely end up in injuries to one or both of the dogs.
- Leave or walk away while your dog is fighting.

What you SHOULD do ...

- Remain calm and in control of your emotions. Your voice should be powerful and deep.
- Try forcing something large in between them (garbage can/chair/couch cushion) to break them apart. This will create enough time to control one or both dogs.
- If the dogs are locked, quickly grab the back of the dog's legs and lift as high as you can. This is easier when there are two calm individuals who are willing to step in. If you are alone, try dealing with the aggressor first. But do not put yourself in harm's way. Lifting the back legs should throw one or both dogs off balance and give you enough time to separate them. The reason you grab and raise quickly is to limit the risk of you getting bitten. Also, keep in mind that you are not attempting to pull them apart, you are trying to get them to let go. You don't want to pull and risk pulling skin off either dog if they are latched.
- A hose, fog horn, or dog repellent (mace) might also give you enough time to separate them as well.

What to do AFTER the dogs are separated and secure ...

Take a few deep breaths so you can get a clear head.

Medically assess both dogs. Don't talk. Your voice is a tell-tale sign of your emotions. Check for injuries and see your veterinarian immediately for a full evaluation.

After the dogs have been checked, the priority should be getting them calm and back together. Dogs live in the moment, they don't hold grudges – they move on. If you are unsure, put them in crates next to each other. Observe and watch them carefully for any aggressive behaviours. Do not get nervous or add tension because you are afraid they will fight again.

Don't change anything between the dogs unless there was an obvious trigger.



DOGS HAVE A WAY OF FINDING THE PEOPLE WHO NEED THEM AND FILLING A SPACE THEY DIDN'T EVEN KNOW THEY HAD.



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Tellington TTouch® is a gentle method of bodywork and movement exercises that positively influences behaviour, performance and well-being. It increases communication skills and deepens the relationship between animals and their people. It was developed in America by Linda Tellington, and Eugenie Chopin, an American who has lived here since 1975, studied it in America and brought it to South Africa several years ago.

Hundreds of people here have experienced and found Tellington TTouch to be useful for both problems and the general well-being of their pets.

Here are some easy-to-do exercises which you can practise on your Boxers... they will LOVE it!!

For more details: visit www.ttouch.co.za

TTOUCH: EAR WORK



① STROKING

- START AT THE BASE, STROKE IN THE DIRECTION THE EAR GROWS
- DON'T DO STROKE OVER & OVER IN THE SAME SPOT
- STIMULATES ACUPUNCTURE POINTS
- CALMING (GOOD FOR CAR SICKNESS)



TWO HANDS

START AT MIDDLE OF TOP OF HEAD OR AT BASES OF EARS



(CATS LOVE THIS)



③ HOLD BASE OF EAR: MOVE IN CIRCLES - CLOCKWISE, ANTI-CLOCKWISE



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members' GALLERY



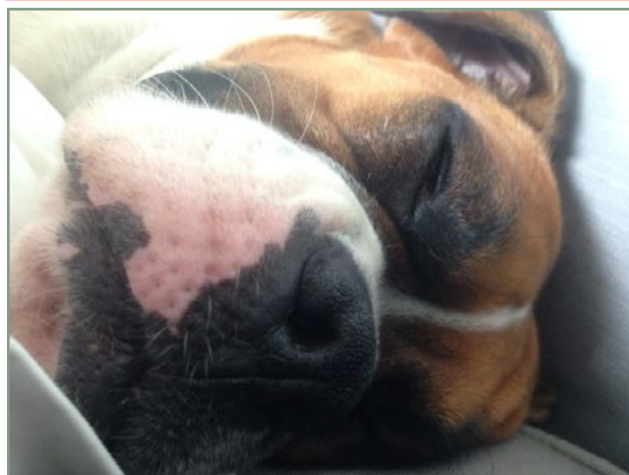
Beautiful Maroelani puppies from the 2016 latest 'Q' litter (Xalt x Dooda) – right, Maroelani Quasimond – E.London farm boy at Heather KZN and below left, 'Traveller' Maroelani Quien Sabe (means Who Knows).



Below & right, 'Rollo' Maroelani Masquerade (Zeno x Flame)



Below: Nicole, Simon and 'Blue' go back to the UK this year... here are some final pics – bathtime and the 'Halloween Blue'!



At the beach, above – Sally's boy Bentley with older 'bro' Oliver and pointer sister having a great time...



BERTIE THE RESCUE BOXER BECOMES THE "FRAIL CARE FUR ANGEL"



Bertie the Boxer was rescued from near death by Greta Wilson, Founder and Director of **Boxer Rescue South Africa**. Greta was already mum to three lively Boxers, but could not resist little Bertie's sweet nature, and he soon became a permanent member of the Wilson pack.

In November 2013 he was found emaciated and terribly neglected (see photos, left) and in fact he was dying from the chronic form of ehrlichiosis. Greta nursed him back to health and, after enduring many medical procedures to right all his wrongs, he pulled through and today is a happy, much healthier boy.

You can find out more about Bertie's road to recovery in *Success Story: Bertie album* in the Photos>Albums section of www.facebook.com/BoxerRescueSouthAfrica.

When Greta adopted him, she promised Bertie from the outset that, "He would go on to do great things one day and to give love back to a world that until then had failed him on so many levels." And we can fast forward to 2016, where now, with his mom, Bertie is a weekly visitor to a Frail Care and Alzheimer's facility.

In the photos on the right, Bertie is visiting soon-to-turn 96-year-old Mr Burton, with whom he and Greta have struck up a truly exceptional friendship. Greta has managed to put this very well-read gentleman (a very cerebral book consumed every four days!) in touch with colleagues from his past, even across continents.

Bertie of course has many other friends on the wards, but this photo appears here with permission of the family and patient in the interests of promoting the wonderful work that the organisation **Pets as Therapy** (NPO 024 153) does. (Look at the website www.pat.org.za)

The facility administrator wrote to Greta: "I received such enthusiastic reports about Bertie. The residents have enjoyed it (his visit) so much. Thanks to you and Bertie. I hope we get to see you and Bertie for a long, long time to come".

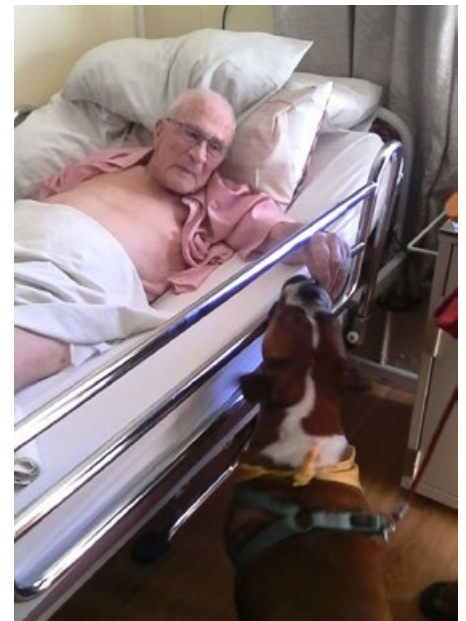
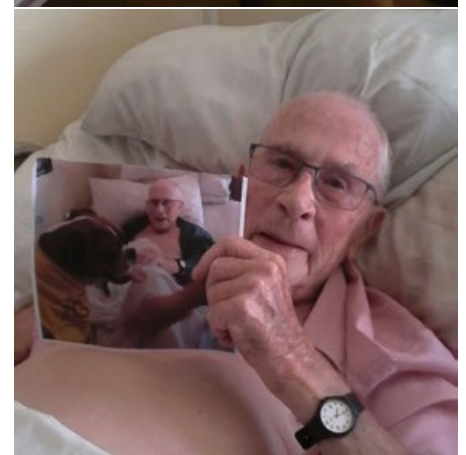
Greta responded, "It is our absolute pleasure to deliver a good dose of Boxer dog sunshine every week to the wards!"

Bertie always greets patients with his trademark toofy grin, begging for doggy biltong which the nurses sometimes supply for him in their container marked "Bertie Dog Treats", or even a slipped sausage from the kitchen! (He is minus 15 teeth, mind you, but this does not deter him in the least.)

As a bonus, Bertie's mom recently discovered that her second cousin has been very close friends with Mr Burton since the 1960s (a small world indeed).

Patients are regaled with tales of what Bertie got up to with his fellow Boxer fursiblings during the past week and Greta and Bertie thoroughly enjoy visiting the same patients every week to hear how they are doing and to add major value and Boxer cheer. (Bertie's visits are so much anticipated that the nursing team took it upon themselves to blow up and laminate photos of Bertie, which were placed at the nurses' reception desk and on the walls and cupboards of numerous patients.)

Greta highly recommends Pet-assisted Therapy for those wanting to really give back to society with their beloved furkids. Greta and Bertie are Cape Town-based with **Pets as Therapy**, but it also operates in Gauteng and there are several similar organisations local to Johannesburg which promote this kind of therapy, for example: **Paws for People Therapy Dogs** www.pawsforpeople.co.za; **TOP Dogs** www.therapytopdogs.co.za; **Friends of the Dog** www.friendsofthedog.co.za; **Paws for God** <http://www.paws4god.co.za>; plus therapy training for dogs: www.sadogtraining.co.za/therapy_dogs.htm training. 



Mr Burton with Bertie, above, and the photo of Bertie and himself which he keeps near his bed. Bertie's visits remind him of "Ozzie", the dog he used to have.



Boxer Club Gold Reef

Affiliated to the Kennel Union of South Africa

Non-Championship Show

Held under the rules and regulations of the Kennel Union of South Africa

Saturday 13th August 2016

Goldfields Showgrounds, Boeing Street West, Bedfordview

Judge: **Sally Young (Gauteng)**

All purebred Boxers are welcome.
White Boxers will have separate classes.

BREED Classes: Baby Puppy, Minor Puppy, Puppy, Junior, Graduate, SA Bred, Veterans, Open, Champions.

**Best Baby Puppy • Best Puppy • Best Junior • Best Veteran • Best SA Bred
Reserve Best in Show • Best in Show**

FUN Classes: **Various**

Bitches in season will be allowed in the Breed classes, but please have due consideration for the other competitors. Mating of bitches within the precincts of the show is forbidden. Puppies under 6 months can be entered in Baby Puppy.

Entry fee: **R50 per dog per breed class.**

Show starts: **11am. (Entries taken from 9am.)**

Catering: **Braai'd Boerie rolls and Burgers will be available.**

Enquiries: May Oosthuizen 082 857 3037 / 011 763 3037
email: che-jane123@absamail.co.za
Secretary: Erna Faber 082 749 3275
email: maroelani@gmail.com

All competitors and visitors attend the show entirely at their own risk. The committee and members of Boxer Club Gold Reef accept no liability whatsoever. All exhibitors/handlers are personally responsible for the control of their dogs at all times and shall be held liable for any claims that may be made in respect of injuries which may arise from or be caused by their dogs. The committee reserves the right to appoint another judge should the abovementioned be unable to officiate.

Club Officials: Chairperson: M Oosthuizen, Secretary: E Faber
Vice-Chairperson: S Young

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BOXER CLUB GOLD REEF & SIBERIAN HUSKY CLUB OF GAUTENG FUNDRAISER



Sunday 10th July @ 1.30 pm
Barnyard Theatre, Rivonia
Tickets R180

Contact: Sally Young 082 490 6961
 Food & drink available at the venue.

The nineties will always be remembered as the last great decade in music history. **90's Mania** is a celebration of this cool decade filled with a variety of pop, rock, alternative, old school and a collection of one-hit wonders!

Featuring an 11-piece cast of singers, dancers and musicians – **90s Mania** is a blast from the past where we saw an emergence of new bands such as Oasis, Nirvana, Counting Crows, Live, The Cranberries and many more. We also saw the emergence of a new selection of rock and pop divas including Alanis Morissette, Britney Spears, Christina Aguilera, Mariah Carey, Celine Dion and new male rockers including Robbie Williams, Lenny Kravitz and Jamiroquai. The hip-hop scene achieved popularity with MC Hammer and Vanilla Ice, whilst the boy and all girl groups emerged with vengeance – with names such as The Spice Girls, Backstreet Boys and NSYNC – all dominating the 90s pop charts. Old school rock also made its mark with groups such as REM, Bon Jovi, Mike and The Mechanics, Roxette, U2 and UB40 whilst country music was represented by mega stars including Garth Brooks and Shania Twain, making the nineties the decade with the most variety when it comes to music choice.

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Read more at: <http://www.whatson.co.za/details>
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BOXER CLUB OF GOLD REEF Working Trials (Classic) CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW



Transvaal Working Trials Association
 AFFILIATED TO KUSA 2007
 P O BOX 31270 Kyalami 1684

To be held at The Tree Trust Heidelberg; Lions Rest, Lagerspoort Road Heidelberg;
THURSDAY 16 JUNE 2016

ENTRIES CLOSE : 3 June 2016

– NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED –
PROOF OF PAYMENT MUST BE FAXED/E-MAILED THROUGH WITH ENTRIES.
 RAFTAF entries will NOT be accepted.

Entries must be sent to **THE SHOW SECRETARY T.W.T.A** Fax: 086 545 1872 or E-mail twtdogs@gmail.com

SHOW OFFICIALS Show Manager: Ms C O'Farrell Show Secretary: Ms D Ramsey
 Vet on call: Dr Steve Olivier – 21 HF Verwoerdstraat Direklinek Heidelberg – 011 341 7411
CLUB OFFICIALS Chairman: MRS MJP OOSTHUIZEN Secretary: MRS E FABER

ABSA Bank – Br.Code: 632005 : Account No: 026973325
ENTRY FEES : **BEG CD** R 80 per dog per Class for paid up MEMBERS
 & **CD** R 120 per dog per Class for NON-MEMBERS
ALL OTHER CLASSES R100 per dog per Class for paid up MEMBERS
 R140 per dog per Class for NON-MEMBERS
 Add R15 if paying by CHEQUE OR CASH DEPOSIT

ENQUIRIES : The Show Secretary – 082 445 0967 : FAX 086 545 1872 : TWTAdogs@gmail.com

TIMES & JUDGES :	
Beg CD & CD	Mrs R Cook 9:30
TD I	Ms C King 8:30
TDII	Mrs R Cook 8:00
TDIII	Mrs T Richardson 7:30

CATERING
 Boxer Club will be selling food at the show and there will also be a raffle
 Please support them!

COMPETITORS MUST BE PRESENT 30 MINUTES BEFORE THE START OF A CLASS.
 DO NOT FORGET YOUR RECORD CARDS.

This Show will be held under the Rules of the Kennel Union of Southern Africa. BITCHES in season WILL NOT be allowed to compete at this show.
 RAFTAF entries WILL NOT be accepted. The Committee reserves the right to substitute any judge who may not be able to officiate.
 Federal Council ruled in December 1997 that w.e.f. 1.5.98

All exhibitor/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 or damage which may arise or be caused by their dogs

NB. Catalogue numbers will be handed out on the day of the show.
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BOXER CLUB OF GOLD REEF Tracking Trials CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW



Transvaal Working Trials Association
 AFFILIATED TO KUSA 2007
 P O BOX 31270 Kyalami 1684

Venue to be advised – address & map will follow shortly
SUNDAY – 12 JUNE 2016

ENTRIES CLOSE : 27 May 2016

– NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED –
PROOF OF PAYMENT MUST BE FAXED/E-MAILED THROUGH WITH ENTRIES.
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POSTAL ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED ABSA Bank – Br.Code: 632005 : Account No: 026973325
ENTRY FEES : **R 100 per dog per Class**
PLEASE ADD R15 IF DEPOSITING CASH OR CHEQUE

ENQUIRIES : The Show Secretary – 082 445 0967 : FAX 086 545 1872 : TWTAdogs@gmail.com

TIMES :
ALL CLASSES 08:00

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The SA Boxer Breed Council is a body to which all KUSA-affiliated Boxer clubs in South Africa belong. It has a very informative website which will be of interest to all Boxer lovers.

Our BCGR newsletters are posted on the website.

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Note: This is only for breeders who are paid-up members of a KUSA-affiliated Boxer Club.

R100 will be charged for a four-week listing, which includes a photograph, details of the puppies and contact details.

Contact your local Club Secretary with the litter details and photo to organise a posting on www.saboxer.co.za



2016 BCGR CALENDAR

Sunday June 12th Tracking Trials Ch. Show & **Thursday June 16th** Working Trials Ch. Show, Lagerspoort Road, Heidelberg.

Sunday July 10th 90s Mania music fundraiser to be held jointly with the Husky Club at the Barnyard Theatre, Rivonia. Tickets R180.

Sunday August 13th BCGR Open/Non-Championship Show, 11am Goldfields Showgrounds.

Saturday October 8th BCGR 2016 Championship Show.

Boxer Walk TBA



"Adopt!" I told her.
"Just close your eyes really tight and imagine a forever home... and poof! There it is!"

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