CAPE BULLMASTIFF CLUB NEWS LETTER

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SPECIAL EDITION MARKING 5 YEARS OF SUCCESS & PROGRESS

From the Chair:

This speciality Club for Bullmastiffs and their fanciers was established in September 2011 for, specifically, the Western Cape region of the Republic of South Africa. However, the Club's popularity has grown in leaps & bounds over the last five years & at present has supporters & member's in all categories resident throughout South Africa's nine provinces as well as in Namibia, the USA, the Russian Federation, the Philippines & Australia.

The Club is affiliated to the Kennel Union of Southern Africa #1151 and there is a Constitution, Code of Ethics and now a five year history of note - all thanks to the hard working Committee and of course the members - without which there would be no Club.

Please continue to support this very popular, diverse & positive Club and allow it to continue and grow ☺

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The first Committee of the CBC -2011

The present Committee of the CBC – 2016

Retha, Nicky, Ina, Gordon & Bernhard

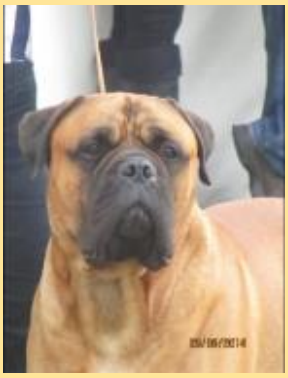
Keeping up with the country's top Bullmastiffs - the 'high achievers' - as well as all the pets and companions – 'the darling's' - has been an amazing journey and presented in this Newsletter are some lovely photo's going back to the beginning as well as some of the present: -

THE ANNUAL SPECIALITY TROPHY SHOW

- **The first CBC Trophy Show in August 2012 was held at Jagtershof with Bullmastiff Specialist Judge, the late, Dr Kurt Whiffler in attendance.**

He judged MBISS Ch. Chizelhurst Chenjela BA ("Tracker") as Best in Show & LaGratitude Durango Duke ("Duke") as runner up. Best Puppy was awarded to Adencrown Rubargo Guthro.

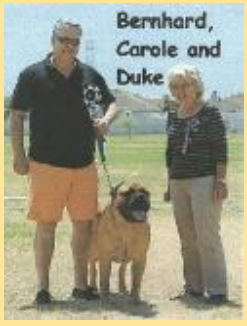
"Tracker"



"Duke"

"Guthro"

- **The second Trophy Show held in February 2013 judged by Carole King saw a reversal of roles with "Duke" (now Ch. LaGratitude Durango Duke BA) given top honours and "Tracker" in reserve. Best Puppy was awarded to Desoete Zeelia My Girl of Sanniesebos (Mia).**



- **The third Trophy show held in February 2014 judged by Jan Van Rijswijk saw "Duke" as Best in Show once again and Reserve Best in Show to Farhills Black Shamrock. Best Puppy went to Sanniesebos Susquehanna of Chizelhurst.**

- **The fourth trophy show held in February 2015 with Judge Kevin Young in attendance was won by LaGratitude Atticus Earl with his father, the indomitable "Duke" placed in Reserve and another "Duke" - McHelm Duke as Best Puppy.**

LaGratitude Atticus Earl **McHelm Duke**

- **The fifth trophy show held in January of this year with Judge Adv. Ralph Zeeman presiding was won by LaGratitude Atticus Earl (a double whammy ☺) with Reserve Best in Show going to LaGratitude Boo Radley (Benson) and Best Opposite Sex and Best Junior in Show to Sanniesebos Suri Sukani of Chizelhurst (Bindi)**

"Earl" **"Benson"** **"Bindi"**

WESTERN CAPE TOP BULLMASTIFFS OVER THE YEARS

2012/13/14 Ch. LaGratitude Durango Duke BA - Bouwer

2015 Sanniesebos Spooner BA (Ex) - Jenkins

"DUKE"

"SPOONER"

WINNERS OF THE SUE SPOONER MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR BOTH BREED AND DISCIPLINE

2013 Sabrina of Sanniesebos - Jenkins

2014 La Gratitude African Drummer - Joubert / Rogvalley Azzura Mia - Rogers

2015 Sanniesebos Spooner – Jenkins

This prestigious trophy in memory and in honour of the late Sue Spooner was donated by the late Dr Kurt & Mrs Margaret Whiffler and may only be awarded to a dog resident in the Western Cape. To date there have been only two dogs out of the Western Cape that have been awarded the Character & Breed Assessment accolade.

The Character portion of the test is where the 'true colours' of each dog come to the fore and these traits cannot be camouflaged by conformational beauty and good presentation.

Bullmastiffs who carry a BA behind their name are the true winners and future of the breed and it is one of the objectives of the Club to promote this Discipline to the full.

BULLMASTIFFS THAT HAVE BEEN AWARDED THEIR CBA (BA) & THAT ARE REGISTERED WITH KUSA TO PLACE BA BEHIND THEIR NAME

2010 **MBISS Ch. Chizelhurst Chenjela – the first Bullmastiff to win this award**

2012 **LaGratitude Good Luck Charm of Chizelhurst**

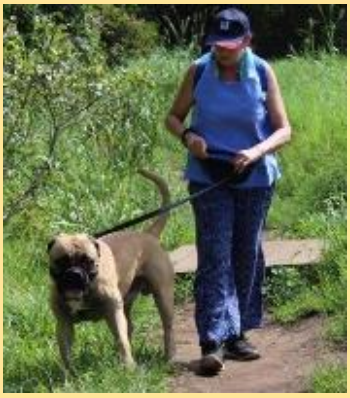
MBISS Ch. LaGratitude Durango Duke

2013 **Sabrina of Sanniesebos**

2014 **Rogvalley Azzura Mia**

LaGratitude African Drummer

2015 **Ch. LaGratitude African Dream of Haaita**



Ch. Chizelhurst Checkmate of Haaita

Sanniesebos Susquehanna of Chizelhurst

Sanniesebos Spooner

Sanniesebos Stander

- **Ironically only dog's resident in the Western Cape have won at the annual Specialist Trophy show☺**

- **NOTE: During the early stages of the CBA when this test was done through other Clubs there were 5 Bullmastiffs presented for CBA that passed the test of the time. These dogs, listed below, have their CBA qualification recognized by the CBC but not by KUSA.**
- **In total, since 2010, there have been 20 dogs assessed with only 4 CBA's not being awarded for various reasons.**

Cape Bullmastiff Club recognized Character & Breed Assessments

2011: - Ghillie Amadeus, Canonbury Ellie Mae, Ch. LaGratitude Poppy's Scarlet, Aurusmo Kisha Thia

2012 - Ch. LaGratitude Grand Slam

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TOP NATIONAL BULLMASTIFFS

2012 & 2014 The first National Bullmastiff for the CBC (Breed Section only) was Ch. Don Amigo Pasco of Beautybull. He acquired the title again in 2014 as Ch.& Int.Ch Don Amigo Pasco of Beautybull.

2013 Ch. Bullsaints Elder Gjordur was awarded this title (breed only)

2015

Awarded to Ch. Chizelhurst Checkmate of Haaita CBA (Ex), E/C, HD A1: A1 the present CBC Top National Bullmastiff (Breed and Disciplines)

TOP NATIONAL PUPPIES

2012 Keno of the Bumble Barnes

2013 Bullsaints Silver Reno

2014 Juhon Don Raphael

2015 Zeus of Olympus

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TOP STUD DOGS

2012/13/14 Int.Ch. & Ch. Don Amigo Pasco of Beautybull

2015 **Ch. Sondu Casca HD 0:1**

With handler Ronald Follentine

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THE REAL TOP DOGS

Family photograph's from CBC members

A huge thank you to all the members that sent in their photo's for sharing – an amazing response from amazing people☺

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CHAMPIONSHIP STATUS FOR THE CBC?

The Committee of the CBC has, in principle, agreed to progress onwards and upwards to obtaining Championship Show status as opposed to just having Open Show status.

However, to do this we need support (and lots of it!) from the show going fraternity. To enable a Club to hold Championship status and maintain its licence at least 20 dogs MUST be present at both the Qualifying and Championship shows. (A moratorium of 15 is in place at this moment). Our annual Speciality Trophy Show was down in numbers this year – not a good sign.

Please send in your opinions &/or thoughts on this matter. This is a huge commitment and a work load beyond belief which will not be undertaken unless the support is forthcoming☺

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RESULTS OF THE CAPE TOWN KENNEL CLUB OPEN SHOW HELD 7TH FEBRUARY 2016

BOB / BJ & 3RD JUNIOR IN GROUP – SANNIESEBOS SURI SUKANI OF CHIZELHURST –

JUDGE L.TEN NAPEL

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THE CAPE HAS TWO NEW CLUBS: –

THE WHALE COAST KENNEL CLUB

AND THE OVERBERG KENNEL CLUB

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‘WACKY &/ OR WONDERFUL’ BULLMASTIFF PHOTOS

Below are photo’s submitted by CBC members depicting ‘wacky &/or wonderful’ Bullmastiff moments.

Thank you to all for sharing these really precious moments ☺

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UP DATE ON THE OUTSTANDING TROPHIES

The LaGratitude Trophy for Reserve National Bullmastiff is still outstanding

The other 4 trophies - viewed on the left as awarded - and on the right as received back. The trophies have been restored and repaired and the incorrect data removed and replaced with the correct data.

LOGO ITEMS

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OBITURY

CH. LAGRATITUDE AFRICAN DREAM OF HAAITA BA, DMA, CGC (SILVER)

It is with deep regret and sadness that we report the untimely death of Ch. LaGratitude African Dream of Haaita. Bred by Sharon Malherbe out of Ch. LaGratitude Poppy's Scarlet (BA) and MBISS Ch. Chizelhurst Chenjela (BA) – "Kiki" was one of the pups out of two CBA qualified parents and was a force to be reckoned with in her own right. Condolences to owner Ria Steyn.

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The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy