

CAPE BULLMASTIFF CLUB



NEWS LETTER MARCH 2016

From the Chair:

CBC member Sue Hook shares with us the trials and tribulations she has had with family Bullmastiff "Baxter" who has had two operations on both legs for his cruciate ligaments. His rehabilitation after the operations included going for hydro therapy twice a week and intensive exercises to strengthen his back and legs. Here are some photo's she sent to us showing 'Baxter's' excellent progress.



The Cruciate ligaments, of which there are two, the cranial and the caudal, are situated at the stifle (knee) joint of each leg. They are part of the structures

maintaining joint stability, and in the Bullmastiff, play an important role in his fast mobilization from a lying position to full flight after his quarry. As the dog launches himself from a sedentary position to a run, tremendous tension is applied to these ligaments and they should be able to withstand this tension without rupturing. In the olden days the dog also had to be able to change direction in mid-flight (after the poachers Lurcher) using his hind quarters to do so, again by applying incredible tension to these ligaments. Therefore, there has to be not only strong ligaments, but also a stifle of correct bilateral angulations. We see a variety of shapes to the stifle from very straight to over angulated of which neither is correct. An angulation of 100- 110 degrees would be best.



Which would be your choice?

Not all ligament ruptures can be associated with the shape of the stifle as there is what is known in veterinary terms as a 'premature aging' process which can be related to the cruciate ligaments and it is known to occur in the Labrador Retriever and the Rottweiler. * Although there is no proof that it happens in the Bullmastiff, it could be a reason why so many of our dogs with suitable angulation suffer from this affliction.

There is also the possibility that it may be hereditary although there is no proof to substantiate this theory either.

The CBC wishes "Baxter" all the best with his progress.

***Trevor Turner BVet Med, MRCVS. Veterinary Notes for Dog Owners page 333**

PATRONS CORNER

THE HAZARDS OF BEING A COMPETATIVE BREEDER (Tongue in cheek folks – tongue in cheek!!:-)

**If he talks about a dog topic, he's a damned know it all.
If he does not, he is a damned snob!**

**If he stops and chats with everyone at a show, it's because his success went to his head.
If he doesn't, it's because he is shunning people!**

If he brings all his dogs to a show, it's because he gives nobody else any chance.

If he does not, he is scared of competition.

**If he wins, he knows the Judge.
If he doesn't win, he knows nothing about breeding!**

**If he wins and thanks the Judge, he is practicing 'politics'.
If he wins and does not, he has no manners!**

**If he loses and congratulates the winner, he is a two face.
If he wins and does not, he is a bad loser!**

**If he has been breeding for less than 20 years, he is just a beginner.
If he has been breeding for more than 20 years, he should stand back to give newcomers
a chance.**

**If he uses his own stud dog for breeding, it is because he is kennel blind.
If he doesn't, it is because he is trying to improve his own bad bloodline!**

**If he sells off most of his puppies, it is because they are not worth keeping!
If he keeps most for himself, it is because no one else wants to buy them!**



Chris Pretorius CBC Patron
(Taken from the 1999 Dutch Rottweiler Club Newsletter)

**KENNEL ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW 28TH FEBRUARY
BOB went to MBISS Ch. LaGratitude Durango Duke BA- Bouwer
CC dog to Sanniesebos Spooner BA(Ex)- Jenkins**



**And Puppy of the Year 2015 Zeus of Olympus finally gets his trophy –
congratulations to Annelie and Martin Theron.**



The LaGratitude Trophy for the Reserve National Bullmastiff is still outstanding!!

**IF YOU HAVE ANY VIEWS ON THIS MATTER – PERHAPS YOU WOULD
LIKE TO SEND THEM IN: info@capebullmastiffclub.co.za**

FROM THE FAMILY ALBUMS





A DOG'S DICTIONARY

BATH:

This is a process by which the humans drench the floors, walls and themselves. You can help by shaking vigorously & frequently.

BICYCLES: Two-wheeled exercise machines invented for dogs to control body fat. To get maximum aerobic benefit you must hide behind a bush and dash out, bark loudly & run alongside for a few yards. The person then swerves & falls into the bushes and you prance away

BUMP: the best way to get your human's attention when they are drinking a fresh cup of coffee or tea.

DEAFNESS: This is a malady which affects dogs when their person wants them in and they want to stay out. Symptoms include staring blankly at the person then running in the opposite direction or lying down.

DOG BED: Any soft clean surface such as the white bedspread in the guest room or the newly upholstered couch in the living room.

DROOL: Is what you do when your persons have food & you don't. To do this properly you must sit as close as you can and look sad and let drool fall to the floor, or better yet, on their laps.

GARBAGE CAN: A container which your neighbours put out once a week to test your ingenuity. You must stand on your hind legs and try and push the lid off with your nose. If you do it right you are rewarded with margarine wrappers to shred, beef bones to consume and mouldy crusts of bread.

GOOSE BUMP: A manoeuvre to use as a last resort when the Regular Bump doesn't get the attention you require... especially effective when combined with the Sniff.

LEAN: Every good dog's response to the command "sit" especially if your person is dressed for an evening out. Incredibly effective before a black tie event.

LEASH: A strap which attaches to your collar enabling you to lead your person where you want him / her to go.

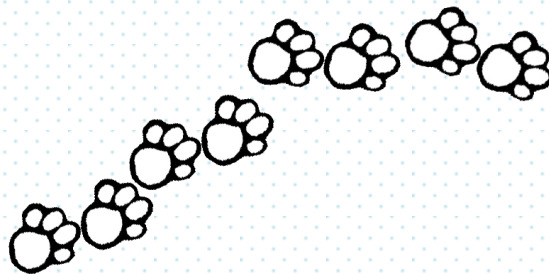
LOVE: Is a feeling of intense affection given freely and without restriction. The best way you can show your love is to wag your tail. If you are lucky a human will love you in return.

SOFAS: Are to dogs like napkins are to people. After eating it is polite to run up and down the front of the sofa and wipe your whiskers clean.

THUNDER: This is a signal that the world is coming to an end. Humans remain amazingly calm during thunderstorms so it is necessary to warn them of the danger by trembling uncontrollably, panting, rolling your eyes widely and following at their heels.

WASTEBASKET: This is a dog toy filled with paper, envelopes and old candy wrappers. When you get bored, turn over the basket and strew the papers all over the house until the person comes home!!

LOVE FIDO



FOODS THAT SHOULD BE NOT TO BE GIVEN TO YOUR DOG

WALNUTS & NUTS / ONIONS / AVOCARDO'S / GRAPES / CHEWING GUM / ANY ALCOHOL / POMIGRANITE / CHOCOLATES / GARLIC

FOODS NOT RECOMMENDED

POPCORN & CORN / CHERRIES / SHRIMP / PEPPERS / CELERY

FOODS TO BE GIVEN ONLY IN MODERATION

PINEAPPLE / BROCCOLIE / TOMATOES / BLUEBERRIES / MELON / BREAD / CHEESE / APPLE SEEDS / STRAWBERRIES

OK FOODS
LETTICE/ RICE/CARROTS /PEARS /FISH/PUMPKIN /PEANUT
BUTTER / SPINACH

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WHEN LIFE PUTS YOU IN TOUGH SITUATIONS, DON'T SAY "WHY ME" JUST SAY "TRY ME"



