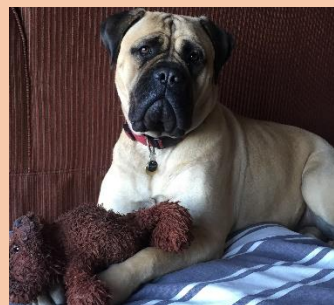




CAPE BULLMASTIFF CLUB

NEWS LETTER APRIL 2016

From the Chair:

How many of our members actually read the CBC newsletter? I suspect some do, some don't, and some just some of it! A big thank you to all those members who comment on the newsletter which of course makes all the hard work worthwhile and an even bigger thank you to those who submit their news for sharing. As I repeatedly say – your news is news too so please keep sending it in 😊

Not all the comments I have received have been positive and I was informed that the Newsletters containing the evaluation of the Breed Standard were 'boring'. Here are positive some comments received over the last few months: -

"I so look forward to the CBC Newsletter. Until the next time" – Ingrid.

"Really lovely newsletter – thanks" – San.

"As usual a great newsletter" – Peter.

"Love the newsletter" – Ina.

"I REALLY enjoyed this newsletter. Bless you and thank you" Chris.

"Thanks for the great newsletter. A really good interesting article from Dr Smith" – Sandra.

"I so enjoy the newsletter & often want to use a cartoon or article, with your permission, in my Newtown Newsletter" – Helene Nietsch (USA).

"Always so informative....." Alison.

"Thanks again for a lovely Newsletter" – Sunethe.

"Thank you Nicky. Lovely mag as ever" Sue.

"We LOVE getting the newsletter.... such marvellous work" Claire & Charles Broome.

"Lovely. Congratulations to the CBC and all the best for the future". Marlien.

"Thank you so much for a newsy and interesting newsletter, I thoroughly enjoyed the content especially the photo's ..." Charles Pietersen.

"Thank you for the Newsletter. Enjoyed it, was very informative" Vishaen.



In this issue we look at entropion and ectropion – two unpleasant disorders that affect the Bullmastiff



ENTROPION

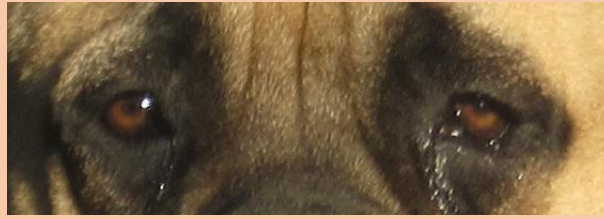
This is a “conformational defect resulting in an ‘in-rolling’ of one or both eyelids which may cause ocular irritation. It is likely that entropion is influenced by several genes (polygenic) defining the skin and other structures that make up the eyelids, the amount and weight of the skin covering the head and face, the orbital contents and the conformation of the skull. In the Bullmastiff the palpebral fissures may become vertical and / or shaped like a pagoda. Entropion in the Bullmastiff, if severe, may require multiple surgical corrections”



This Bullmastiff has the typical ‘pagoda eye shape’ – a sure indication of entropion. He was operated on for bilateral entropion

Signs & symptoms to look out for:

1. The eye shape. According to David Hancock, author & fancier, and all other well informed breeders & fanciers, the Bullmastiff should have an almond shaped eye (refer to the top photo of the Brindle Bullmastiff) which is unfortunately not mentioned in the Breed Standard.
2. Entropion can be unilateral or bilateral.
3. The eyes may water continuously.



4. The dog may paw at his eyes to relieve the discomfort.
5. Excessive blinking especially in bright sunlight – which the dog may tend to avoid.
6. Damage to the cornea
7. The condition may be seen within the first few months of life.

Treatment includes eye gels & or ointments with surgery as the optimum choice.



Post- operative entropion

ECTROPION

This is the “out-rolling” or sagging of one or both of the eye lids – predominately the bottom lid thus destroying the correct (almond shape) of the eye. Like entropion it is also thought to be polygenic and has similar symptoms of a watery, discharging eye with normally a bright red infected looking conjunctiva. Dirt and debris are commonly noted around the eye. The treatments and recommendations are the same



Dr Venter from the Johannesburg Eye Clinic and a young Bullmastiff having her eyes tested. This examination is done in the Clinic room without any sedation and is painless and virtually stress-less. Breeders are encouraged to have their breeding stock tested.

Cape Town: Contact Panorama Clinic Cape Town 0219306632 or Johannesburg Eye Hospital 011 4651237. The issued SAVA Eye certificate can be submitted to KUSA for recording on the dog's health record.

Nicky Robertson 2016.

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SHOW RESULTS FOR APRIL

**Port Elizabeth Kennel Club / Walmer & Suburban KC / Uitenhage KC / Baakens Valley
Working & Herding KC held over 1,2, & 3 April and KZN Junior KC 10 April: -**

**BOB in all 5 shows went to Ch. Chizelhurst Checkmate of Haaita (CBA Ex) owned by Ria
Steyn of KwaZulu Natal**



NSW Bullmastiff Club Ch. Show Australia



**BISS & CC Bitch Ch. Fynobull Southern Starr & RBISS & RCC Bitch Ch. Grizzmuffley Dance
for Me**



CC Dog Sup. Ch. Gameguard Touch of Frost & RCC Ch. Brinkybull Nullas Dream

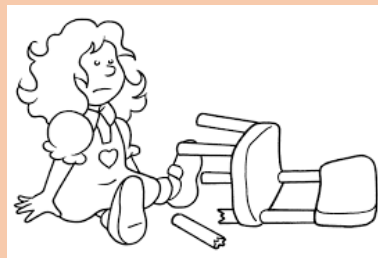
Submitted by Judge Roni Oma

AND THE 'FUNNY'



FAMILY SNAPS





Apologies from the Chair: It seems the 'gremlins' have been hijacking my spelling. The computer setting has been redone☺ ☺

In the January NL we ran an advertisement for a home offered to a male Bullmastiff – well Max has now taken up residence in the Underberg and has settled in remarkably well..... a good story to tell☺

The information in this magazine is confined to its members. Statements or opinions may be expressed in this communication that are personal to the writers and do not necessarily represent the views of the Club.

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GOLDA MEYER**

