CAPE BULLMASTIFF CLUB

MAY 2016 NEWS LETTER

From the Chair: Responsible ownership and breeding in respect of the Bullmastiff, and in effect any breed, is paramount to the breed, its progress in modern society and its present & future welfare. Unfortunately, not all minds think the same in this regard and the elements of money, ego & limited knowledge come into the equation – often with disastrous effects.

Some countries have already applied mandatory restrictions & or bans on the Bullmastiff, which in part stops the undesirable statistics but in turn hampers the progress of this wonderful breed.

Is this what we want for the Bullmastiff?

Many breeders have worked very hard with their breeding stock to produce family pets and friends and the ongoing Character & Breed Assessments confirm that in South Africa we are indeed on the right track. Perhaps the guardians of the Bullmastiff in the countries listed below need to consider the introduction of the behaviour disciplines for breeders e.g. - APT / DMA/ CBA as alternatives to restrictions or bans.

THE LIST: (alphabetically)

Belarus: - This country adopted “The Responsible Treatment of Animals” law in 2012 and it stipulates that all ‘especially dangerous dog breeds’ of which the Bullmastiff is listed as one, be kept on escape free properties, tied up or in a securely fenced area with a warning sign. They must be walked on a strong leash & collar, wear a muzzle and all handlers should have a certificate of competence to do so.

Bermuda: - This country, has since 2003, **BANNED** the Bullmastiff outright.

France: - Restrictions on the ownership of dangerous breeds was adopted in 1999. There are two listing of which "dogs of the Mastiff type" are listed.

Ireland: - Restrictions on the ownership of dangerous breeds – of which the Bullmastiff is listed as such - was adopted in Ireland in 1998. The dogs must be licenced and kept under strict control and muzzled in public places. Only people of 16 years or older are permitted to handle these breeds.

Ukraine: - Since 1998 there have been restrictive laws on 'dangerous breeds' – of which again the Bullmastiff is listed – and civil liability insurance, microchipping and muzzles are mandatory.

USA: - There is no Federal law in place but the Bullmastiff is prohibited in certain municipal areas. Limitation of ownership can include a fine and warning signs.

In our home country there are no restrictions in place as yet. However, in 2015 there were two recorded incidents of a Bullmastiff being sent out of the conformation ring due to 'inappropriate behaviour' – one of which drew blood from the attendant Judge.

There was also a horrific incident reported in many publications where a young toddler was attacked and scarred by a Bullmastiff. The dog was later euthanized.

Our Patron Chris Pretorius - "Patron – a person chosen, named or honoured as a special guardian, protector or supporter"

With acknowledgment & thanks to Chris Pretorius, the Patron of the CBC, who sourced Petolog.com and passed on the information which, incidentally, has many other breeds listed including the popular Rottweiler (Chris' breed) and the Boerboel

The Cape Bullmastiff Club runs the highly accredited Character & Breed Assessment testing for not only conformational beauty and soundness but for the evaluation of temperament as well. One of the objectives of the Cape Bullmastiff Club is to have every Bullmastiff tested and a KUSA accredited accolade behind his /her name.

The CBA for 2016 will be held over the weekend of the 10th & 11th September at Bosvlei farm Philadelphia Contact info@capebullmastiffclub.co.za if you would like more information.

AND THE FIVE MOST DANGEROUS TYPES OF DOGS IN THE WORLD

The untrained dog

The fearful dog

The unpredictable dog

The tired or sick dog

The unfamiliar dog

Taken from http://worldofangus.com/blogs/health-training/92308481

Results of the DMA & APT testing held over the week end of 7th & 8TH May 2016

CONGRATULATIONS TO SANNIESEBOS SURI SUKANI OF CHIZELHIRST WHO PASSED HER DMA UNDER

TEST LEADER SELVIN LEWIS

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PUPPY APT PERFORMED 28TH APRIL 2016 BY CHRIS PRETORIUS

Here are 4 of the 8 pups that were done - shown in different stages of the test.
All the pups did well and have gone to their new homes.

Aptitude Testing (APT) and Dog Mentality Testing (DMA) is a valuable indicator of the inherent natural mental potential of a dog and can be useful in breeding programmes. It is open to all dogs, but aimed primarily at the working breeds (of which the Bullmastiff is one). It assesses, inter alia, approachability, drive to hunt, nervous stability, defensive behaviour, aggression and the ability of the dog to work off and calm down rapidly after being exposed to stressful situations.

The test was developed for the Svenska Brukhundklubben (Swedish Working Dog Association) and is widely used in the Scandinavian countries.

The test is recognised by KUSA as a Discipline and dogs that pass receive accreditation with a DMA or APT certificate and the respective words can be placed behind their name.

All breeders are encouraged to consider these tests along with the Bullmastiff Character & Breed Assessment (CBA)– see above article.

For any further information contact info@capebullmastiffclub.co.za

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BREED SHOW RESULTS APRIL & MAY

Natal Working & Herding 29/04/2016 – BOB Ch. Chizelhurst Checkmate of Haaita BA (Ex)

Highway Kennel Club 30/04/02016 – RBOB Ch. Chizelhurst Checkmate of Haaita BA (Ex)

***Northern Natal* KC** 01/05/2016 - BOB Ch. Chizelhurst Checkmate of Haaita BA(Ex)

CONGRATULATIONS TO RIA AND "BALTO"

Working & Herding Breeds of the Cape 01/05/2016 - Best Ch. in Show – Ch. LaGratitude Durango Duke BA

CONGRATULATIONS TO BERNHARD, RETHA & "DUKE"

Northern Tshwane FCI Show 13/05/2016 – CACIB Ch. Chizelhurst Chinga

- BOB/BV/ 2nd in Veteran Group – Chizelhurst Chattanougat

Northern Tshwane KUSA 1 14/05/2016 - BOB /CC/ BV/2nd in Veteran Group - Chizelhurst Chattanougat

- RBOB Ch. Chizelhurst Chinga

Northern Tshwane KUSA 2 15/05/2016 - BOB Ch. Chizelhurst Chinga

- RBOB/RCC/BV/2nd Veteran in Group - Chizelhurst Chattanougat

KUSA FCI Show 27/05/16 – BOB/CACIB Ch. Chizelhurst Chinga (Graded FCI Ex)

- BV & BV in Group Chizelhurst Chattanougat (FCI Ex)

KUSA Championship Show 28/05/16 - CC Bitch & 2nd BV in Group Chizelhurst Chattanougat

KUSA Nationals (Breed) 29/05/16 – BOB - Ch. Chizelhurst Chinga

KUSA National Bullmastiff for 2016: Ch. Chizelhurst Chinga

Congratulations to Sunethe, "Fudge" & "Nougat" for these wonderful achievements

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Show points to date – Breed & Discipline - top 5 dogs for 2016:

Chizelhurst Chattanougat = 102 POTGEITER (Gauteng)

Ch. Chizelhurst Checkmate of Haaita (BA Ex) = 87 STEYN (KZN)

Sanniesebos Suri Sukani of Chizelhurst (DMA) = 66 ROBERTSON (WC)

Ch. Chizelhurst Chinga = 50 (Gauteng)

Ch. LaGratitude Durango Duke (BA) = 36 BOUWER (WC)

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Committee member Gordon Smith: it is with regret that we say goodbye to Gordon who has relocated back to Natal.

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Obsessive Dog Disorder

(O.D.D.)

-You have more than one dog.

-Your house is littered with dog toys.

-You greet your dog before your spouse.

-You'd rather hang out with your dogs than go out.

-Your dog's comfort comes before yours.

-Your dog eats better than you do.

Share if you have O.D.D.

PawPack

I'M SUSPICIOUS OF PEOPLE WHO DON'T LIKE DOGS, BUT I TRUST A DOG WHEN IT DOESN'T LIKE A PERSON. -Bill Murray

UNDERSTANDING CANINE PARVOVIRUS

WHAT IS PARVOVIRUS?

Canine parvovirus is a highly contagious disease that spreads easily from dog to dog by direct or indirect contact with their faeces. Dogs become infected through oral contact with canine parvovirus in faeces, infected soil or fomites (object / substance capable of carrying infectious organisms). The virus attacks rapidly dividing cells such as those in the lymph nodes, intestinal lining and the bone marrow. This results in depletion of the white blood cells necessary for the immune system to function, delaying the recovery of infected puppies. The rapid death of the intestinal cells results in the sloughing (breaking away) of the intestinal lining, vomiting, diarrhoea and severe intestinal bleeding. This may eventually lead to the death of your puppy if left untreated.[1]

WHAT ARE THE SIGNS OF PARVOVIRUS?

- Lethargy
- Vomiting
- Anorexia
- Bloody diarrhoea
- Dehydration
- Collapse

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WHAT IS THE TREATMENT FOR A DOG WITH PARVOVIRUS?

A diagnosis of parvovirus can be made with snap-combo tests, available at most veterinarians. There is NO CURE for parvoviral gastroenteritis as it is caused by a virus. Veterinarians can only treat the symptoms and try to keep your dog or puppy alive by preventing dehydration and loss of proteins.

Puppies infected with parvovirus need to be treated intensively and may spend a week or more at your veterinarian. Fluid and electrolyte treatment is essential and this is often combined with antibiotics. Infected puppies vomit excessively and will need to be treated with anti-emetics. These puppies are unable to absorb any nutrients from what little food they may keep down, hence it is vital to monitor their glucose, albumin (blood protein) and potassium levels and correct these as necessary.

Some puppies will require plasma transfusions to treat the low protein levels in their blood.

Affected animals are normally very nauseous and are not inclined to eat on their own. Some puppies will accept force feeding while others require the placement of a feeding tube.

Good nursing care is essential for puppies affected by parvovirus.

HOW DO YOU PREVENT YOUR DOG / PUPPY FROM CONTRACTING PARVOVIRUS?

The only way to prevent parvovirus is through vaccination. Puppies should receive their first vaccination at six weeks of age with two more vaccinations thereafter at 9 and 12 weeks of age. Your veterinarian will assess your puppy on its first visit and will provide you with the dates for the follow-up vaccinations.

Dogs are usually vaccinated on an annual basis thereafter. The parvovirus is included in this combination vaccine.

Should you have a puppy that has parvovirus, care should be taken when introducing new puppies into your environment as the parvovirus persists in the environment for long periods of time.

Dilute bleach is one of the readily available disinfectants that kills parvovirus but may take up to ten minutes to achieve full effectiveness.

With parvovirus, as with many other viruses that affect dogs, prevention is better than cure.

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THE LAGRATITUDE TROPHY FOR RESERVE NATIONAL BULLMASTIFF

As this trophy has still not been returned to the CBC Committee by the unauthorised person that still has it in her possession the trophy has thus been declared redundant and has been removed from the CBC fixed assets register.

The CBC apologizes unreservedly to Ernest Malherbe who donated the trophy and who was consulted with regard to this action and who is in total agreement with the decision taken and why it was taken.

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