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## Boxer Chat



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Hi everybody, we've had quite a busy winter with lots of events to report on.

Firstly we had our stand at the World of Dogs & Cats Exhibition which was held at Gallagher Estates at the end of July. It was a great success, not only were we able to "spread the word" about the joys of Boxer ownership to a great many people, but we also managed to get the Gold Award for the Best Breed Stand again!!

You will find photos and more details about that on the following pages of this issue.

On 9th August we held our Breed Assessment which was quite an enlightening experience and we had good attendance and results... again, more details in the issue.

Our final major event was the Open Show held at Goldfields on August 14th, which turned out to be a lovely day with a very enjoyable, relaxed atmosphere. Again, we had good attendance and plenty of baby Boxers were brought along to get some early experience in the ring.

Upcoming dates to put in your diaries include our Boxer Roadshow to be held at the Terrazza Shopping Centre (Florida Glen, W. Rand) on the morning of Sept 24th... see the advert in this issue. Remember that anyone who owns

or has an interest in Boxers is welcome to join us and we encourage you to bring your dogs along – we will desperately need Boxers for the Boxer Parade! It is primarily about promoting the Boxer as a breed and to demonstrate what wonderful pets and companions they make. If you have anything you want to ask about the breed, our committee and many of our Club members, Boxer breeders included, will be there to chat to you. Bring your kids with their dogs all dressed up for the Fancy Dress competition (they can compete with any type of dog, not just Boxers), entry is informal and can be done at the beginning of the morning... things will get going around 9am and there will be plenty happening to entertain you and your families.

Buddy the Toyota Boxer will be arriving with his handler, dog trainer and qualified behaviour expert Julie Bezuidenhout, at approximately 11am to meet the people. He really is a sweet dog, such a gentleman, and you can have your photo taken with him. In addition the Shopping Centre is putting up stalls and kids' entertainment so it should be a great day out for the family. The SPCA will also be there, they are giving pony rides and talks on animal welfare.

Meanwhile, back at home, I seem to have





It has been a very rough time for the Che-Jane Boxers lately.

We have to tell you of the passing of Che-Jane's Queen Elizabeth, "Lizzy" who took ill and passed away suddenly on Sunday 24th of July 2011.

She was an outstanding puppy and won great praise from Judy Horton when she judged in this country and also achieved Best Working Group Puppy under her.

At the Federation she was placed Reserve Best in Show when there were 73 dogs on show and Dinca won the Best in Show award.

We were very proud of her achievements.

She was also a wonderful mother and if she thought her pups were getting too warm in the whelping room would remove them one by one into the now unused coal bin where it was cool.

## *A sad Farewell to Lizzie and Georgie Boy*

She made the decisions about her pups and when they were due to be weaned, she would only let them feed when she considered it necessary.

We miss her and hope that she is happy on the rainbow of dreams.

### **"Georgie Boy"**

His passing at too young an age on the same day as Lizzy was as traumatic for us as for his new owners.

He had gone to the most beautiful home with friends of ours in Benoni, but unfortunately there were elements out there whose motives are suspect – he was poisoned on the Sunday morning and it must have been a lethal dose as he died very shortly thereafter. To Jerry and Mary we know he loved you and thought he had in fact died and gone to heaven when he moved in with you.

He loved Jerry with all he had and I know he is watching over you and your home from where he is.

Our love and thoughts are with you.



May & George Oosthuizen, Ché-Jane Boxers

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become a regular at our vet's over the last couple of months. Zeno developed a slight limp, needing Rimadyl for a while then developed a very bad case of "acne" – a nasty lump on his muzzle which required surgical removal. Koko grew a wart on her forehead which I had removed.. and now she's limping because they've been tearing around the garden today at breakneck speed and she has probably knocked her leg, or pulled a muscle. I am starting to feel embarrassed about sending the claims off to our pet's medical insurance, but boy am I glad I decided to take it out..it's saved me a fortune already! Young Boxers can be terribly accident prone.. I guess it's the by-product of all that energy they have to expend.

So goodbye from me and my lumpy, limping monsters –

Chiz, Zeno & Koko

## **LOOKING FOR A FOREVER HOME**

A young brindle Boxer-cross bitch (she looks mostly Boxer) was found as a stray and no-one has claimed her, she is desperate to find a good home. Please contact Dee 084 549 8301. Dee says she is a sweet girl, probably about 2 years old – a little nervous at the moment (but that's hardly surprising) so if you are thinking of getting an addition to your family please contact her to find out more, this poor girl really needs a good dose of stability and TLC.



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**BOXER CLUB GOLD REEF**

*presents*

# THE BOXER DOG ROAD SHOW

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at 11am**

*PONY Rides*

*Boxer Parade*

**Kids & Dogs  
Fancy Dress**

**RAFFLE**



**Saturday, 24 September 2011**

**from 9am at the Terrazza Shopping Complex  
Cnr Gordon & Lange Rds, Florida Glen, Roodepoort**

*Join us for a fun-filled morning: There will be over 25 stalls, demos and talks plus entertainment for the kids! Bring your Boxer along and join in the Boxer Parade, and enter your children and dogs (any type) in the Fancy Dress, Meet Buddy the famous Toyota Boxer and find out everything you wanted to know about this special breed.*

*In addition there will be the SPCA's pony rides, a Jumping Castle, a Martial Arts demonstration and Target Shooting plus talks by the Roodepoort SPCA and Firearms experts and much more!*





It was a busy three days at WODAC, our committee members took turns to man the stand, assisted by some of our club members. Thanks so much to Rudolf and Angela Raschke for their help with setting everything up (especially the inspired red and black drapes!). We were thrilled to be awarded the Gold Medal for the best Breed Stand – our second show running, so we have now established a precedent which we will have to live up to at future exhibitions!



Members brought along their Boxers to meet the public, so we always had at least one Boxer on the stand and sometimes more... Rudolf brought his lovely white, spotty boy Tarka on the Friday for the morning and Zeno and I took his place in the afternoon. Erna brought Doo-da and Wix along – her two latest little cuties who were a huge success with the crowds on the Saturday, when it was very busy. We had cosy crates for the dogs hidden under the counters, so they had somewhere safe to retreat to if we thought that they were becoming too stressed by all the people. May & George brought Dinka to do the honours on the Sunday... Dinka was in his element, he always adores all the attention! In addition, there was the dog showing going on in the big rings, which some of our dogs were entered in, so things became a little hectic periodically with attention divided between stand and ring and Boxers to-ing and fro-ing between. Sally helped us out on the Saturday as well – thanks Sally & Tommy, without your help May might have had a nervous breakdown on her own, as I believe it was incredibly busy!

It was wonderful to have so many interested people come and visit us...lovely to chat and everyone who had owned a Boxer had some funny story or fond memory to share with us..that's Boxers for you!

We were pleased to enrol some new members.. welcome all of you, this will be your first newsletter! We do hope that you will make the most of your memberships and join in our Boxer activities... new faces are always welcome and if you need help or advice, just email us, phone us or talk to us at the shows etc. We hope to meet some of you again at the Florida Glen Boxer Club Roadshow later this month.



Top: Setting up the stand with Rudolph and Angela  
 Left and above centre: the Stand – looking good, with myself and May on duty.  
 Bottom: Rudolph and Tarka meeting one of the visitors to the Exhibition.



Next time WODAC is held in Johannesburg I intend to spend at least half a day looking around the exhibition purely as a visitor – there was so much to see and do, two big rings with all kinds of events going on all the time... plus loads of stands and animal exhibits to explore.

I was a little disappointed to see that the number of dog breed stands seemed fewer than previously. I hope that in future more specialist clubs will make an effort to represent and promote their breeds... it is always so interesting to see and find out about the different breeds out there (even though Boxers are No.1, of course!) and it is such a great opportunity to introduce one's breed to the public. But I personally thought that the venue was really nice, it felt open and airy and the assistance provided for exhibitors was excellent, and we were close to the entrance, exit and parking which made bringing equipment and animals in and out very easy.



Top: Erna and Doo-Da  
Right: Wix looking a little worried by all the goings on!

Left & below left: Zeno greeting Marsha Azar, a BCGR member who also owns one of his sons. She came along especially to see him and the admiration was obviously mutual.

Below: Our Gold Medal Award on display.



We all agreed that having the stand and representing our breed was a good exercise, and we shall certainly be there when the World of Dogs & Cats exhibition returns to Johannesburg again. We made a point of promoting our breeders with posters as well as their presence on the stand if they could manage it and we provided pamphlets and information about the breed and SABOX and KUSA, with the aim of raising the public's awareness and appreciation of our wonderful breed, so WODAC provided us with a very worthwhile opportunity to reach the public and hopefully impress a potential new generation of Boxer lovers.

– Ed



# BREED ASSESSMENT AND SURVEY

Firstly a huge thank you to Marlien Heystek, who presided over our Breed Assessment on August 9th at the Sports Grounds in Bredell. She was ably assisted by Case Van Hattem. We had an entry of 10 dogs, which was very good.

She did a fabulous job, patiently going over each Boxer carefully – every detail of the dog’s conformation was measured and noted on the assessment form (a long and complex document). I was particularly fascinated with the rack of glass eyeballs, with gradual variations of shades of brown from really dark to a lighter golden, against which our dogs’ eyes were matched up and classified! (Too light a colour was a fault... my little Koko wouldn’t have fared very well with her beautiful golden eyes which I love, but of course she’s a pet and not a breeding bitch, and the whole point of this exercise was to assess each dog’s suitability for breeding purposes, so I had only entered Zeno).

Body height and length were measured, and all the finer points of the head; eyes, ears, nose, proportion and expression noted, angulation of shoulders and set of tail, shape of paws, you name it, it was assessed. When you have to do this and fill in the answers to pages of questions for over 10 Boxers, I think you are allowed to be a little frazzled by the end of the proceedings, but Marlien remained remarkably cool and calm.

Two duplicates of each form were made out (which we committee bods assisted with of course, there are limits to what the judge should be asked to do!) one for each dog’s owner and one for KUSA and I’m very happy to report that all the dogs except one passed and attained their BA status (and the only reason that one didn’t was NOT because it wasn’t a beautiful Boxer but because it hadn’t been microchipped.) All the applicants must be microchipped for identification and have been hip tested with a rating of C1-C1 or better before the BA can be awarded. Wolfgang Raschke’s Lazer was graded Excellent, the best pass of all the dogs there, he also took the Breed Survey test which includes defense work.

There was also a section of the BA testing which was for temperament – each dog’s reaction to two gunshots was recorded. Zeno noticed the first shot but it didn’t phase him much – he raised his head in surprise but then continued to trot along with me and he hardly bothered with the second shot. This seemed to be a fairly typical reaction for most of the dogs and was assessed as good. His reaction to a crowd of people surrounding us and closing in on us was also recorded – but he thought the nearest person’s knees were really interesting and busied himself with investigating them, so we knew he didn’t have a nervous disposition and he passed with flying colours. I think it made me more nervous than him!

And so that was it... we all received a very encouraging chat from Marlien at the end of the proceedings... a certificate and rosette and a bag of Jock dog food plus samples from our Sponsors (thanks Afgri!). It was an interesting day with well-deserved doggy treats at the end.

And all the dogs who passed can now be given a B.A. at the end of their registered names. KUSA recognises the qualification, so now it looks as if we all have dogs with “degrees”!

– Ed



Above: Marlien & Case  
Left & centre left: Kuri has her muzzle and eyes assessed. Below: Zeno being measured fore and aft, teef & paws..a reassuring kiss from Mum & eventually it’s all over...





# Our August Open Show



AJ and Flame in Child Handling



'Sloane' with René, waiting his turn...



left: Best Puppy 'Zeus' with Lawrence and right, Best Junior "Sera"



"Victory!" Erna and Ocean winning BOB.



Best Veteran 'Yoyo' with Sarah



Left, Best SA Bred 'Biscuit' and right, George and 'Shane' moving beautifully.



Above, left to right: Erna with Best of Breed 'Ocean', judge Johann Fischer and Wolfgang with Reserve Best of Breed 'Lazer'



Our sponsors Afgri JOCK dog food.

The weather behaved itself on August 14th, and we enjoyed a very relaxed, convivial day at our Open Show, which was ably judged by Johann Fischer. Thanks to Johann and his wife Letsie, both of whose judging abilities have been of great value to the club on more than one occasion.

**RESULTS:**

**Best Puppy** - 'Zeus' (AbraQueDabra Grand Wazoo) owned by Lawrence & Marsha Azar

**Best Junior** - 'Sera' (Que-Sera von My-Tee of Ilruca) Ilruca Kennels

**Best Veteran** - 'Yoyo' (Neptunus' Yasmine Yoyo) owned by Sara & Ian Tomlinson, Polgara Boxers

**Best SA Bred** - 'Biscuit' (Maroelani Honey-Biscuit) owned by Erna Faber, Maroelani Boxers

**Reserve Best in Show** - 'Lazer' (Lazer von den Busch) owned by Wolfgang Raschke, Ilruca Kennels

**Best in Show** - 'Ocean' (Ch Maroelani Ocean No. 11) owned by Erna Faber, Maroelani Boxers

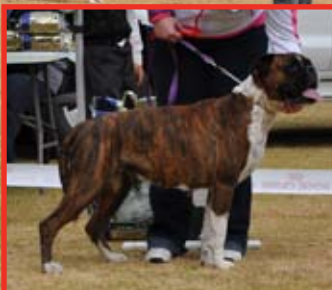
Congratulations all the winners and thank you everyone for giving us such a good turnout, and last but not least, a big Thank You to Afgri for their generous sponsorship, they looked after us really well!

It was really gratifying to see so many members with their dogs, and to have so many puppies arrive, a whole new generation to perpetuate our BCGR legacy. It makes all the effort of organising a show worthwhile!



*Our August Open Show* continued

More shots from the Show...





# BOXER CLUB GOLD REEF CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW 2011

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

- Date:** Saturday 8th October 2011
- Venue:** Denel, Kenden Hall & Sports Grounds, Nelmapius Ave,  
CENTURION, Pretoria (see map on following page)
- Judging:** 10am (After Boxers in TKC Working Group)
- Judge:** Mrs Alice Swart – Western Province – Boxer Specialist Judge  
(All exhibits will receive a verbal critique from the Judge)
- Classes:** Minor Puppy, Puppy, Junior, Graduate, SA Bred, Veterans, Open, Champions  
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Mating of bitches within the precincts of the show is forbidden.  
Puppies under six months may not be entered.
- Entry fee:** R80 per dog per class\* (Catalogue free to exhibitors)
- Entries close:** 30 September 2011
- Bank details:** ABSA Westgate A/c no. 10 3222 1218  
\*Please fax proof of payment with entry to:  
Fax: 086 659 5282  
Postal address: PO Box 12701  
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- Enquiries:** Erna Faber: 082 749 3275  
maroelani@gmail.com
- Show Manager:** May Oosthuizen  
**Show Secretary:** Erna Faber
- 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.
- Club Officials:** Chairman: M Oosthuizen  
Vice Chairman: D Erasmus  
Secretary: E Faber  
PRO/Media: C Judge  
A Bodenstern, M de Lima
- Vet on call:** Dr Roy Williams  
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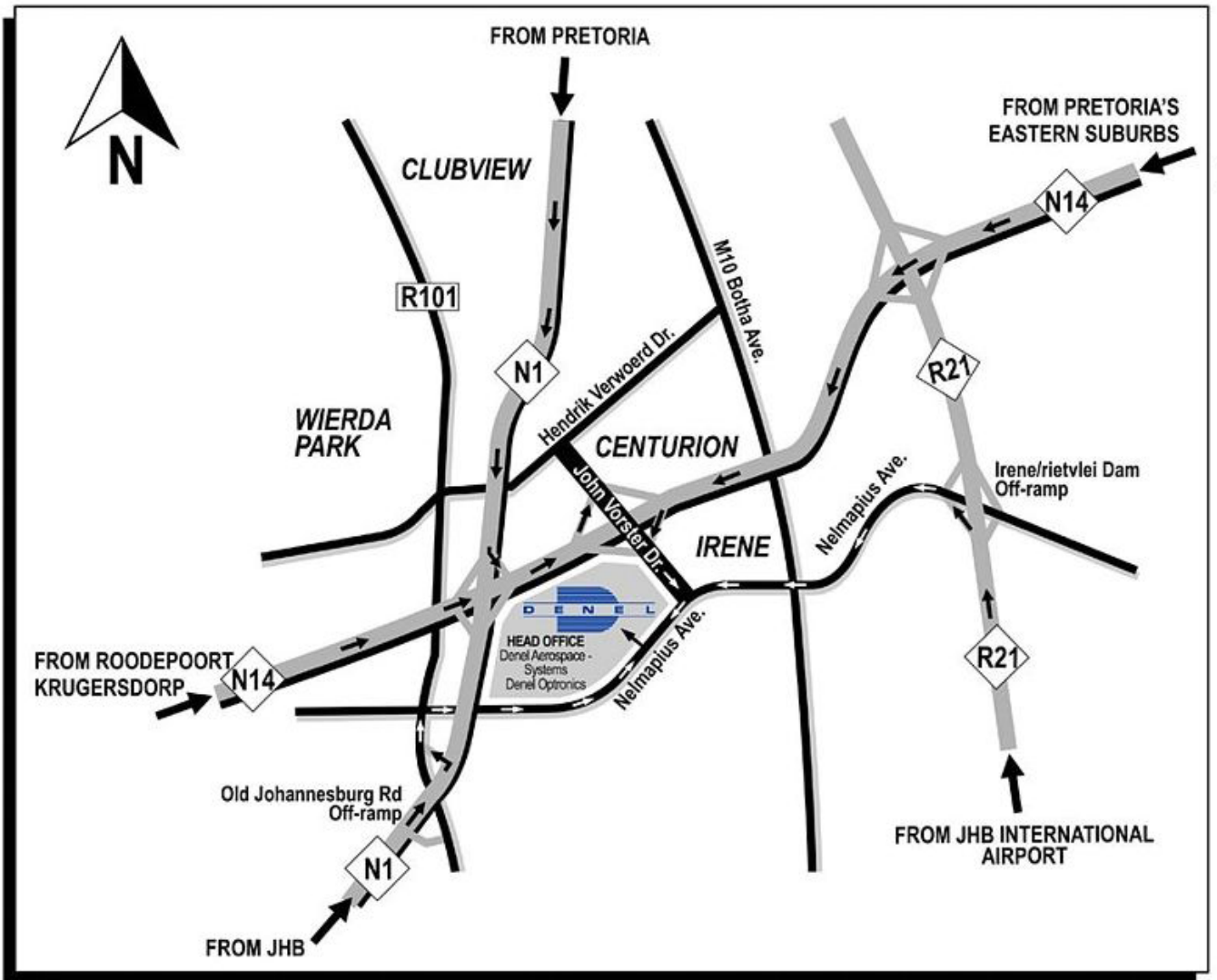


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BCGR CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW DIRECTIONS  
DENEL : Kendon Hall & Sports Grounds, Nelmapius Ave., Centurion



*There are always those occasions when Boxer behaviour defies logic....*





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.

Visit [www.saboxer.co.za](http://www.saboxer.co.za)

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SABOX is now offering an advertising service for Boxer litters on the SABOX website. This is only for breeders who are paid-up members of any KUSA-affiliated Boxer Club.

R100 will be charged for a 4-week listing, which includes a photograph, details of the puppies, and contact details.

Contact the Club Secretary with the litter details and photo to organise a posting on the SABOX website.

**IMPORTANT  
NOTICE TO ALL  
CLUB MEMBERS**

**We desperately  
need your  
updated**

- email address
- postal address
- cellphone no.
- telephone no.

**Please email ASAP  
to Erna at  
[maroelani@gmail.com](mailto:maroelani@gmail.com)  
or fax to:  
**086 659 5282.****

We have had so many emails bouncing back that we have been unable to send the newsletters to many people on our member list. Also as we sometimes need to send sms notices, we also need up-to-date details of your cell numbers.. so please take the time to update us, or we cannot communicate with you effectively.

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Kayla and Bandit are looking for forever homes together...

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**URGENT !!!!! BOXER OF THE YEAR POINTS**

There is still time to submit the points/certificate details for your Boxers for the period 1/7/2010 to 30/6/2011 in order to be considered for

**BOXER OF THE YEAR 2011**

Contact May or Erna asap. The award will be presented at the BCGR Championship Show on October 8th 2011.