

After the recent Molosser seminar I thought it might interest CBC members to get an overview of the <https://www.modernmolosser.com/> website which I became aware of about a year ago. The magazine of the same name was printed in the USA between 2009 and 2013. The website provides access to the archive with new articles and videos added from time to time. One is able to view the whole archive. It seems bigger than it is, as some articles appear in more than one category. Once one starts clicking on articles or videos it allows a preview of three. Thereafter it asks one to sign up. The cheapest option is a one-month subscription for \$ 3.99 which was R 49 at that time and which I regarded as very reasonable. If you wait a few months it allows a new preview. I managed to read the whole archive in that month. However, at the end of the month I received a text message informing me that my subscription had been renewed. This was resolved by emailing the editor. Perhaps this was an innocent error but if anyone is considering subscribing, vigilance is required. The wording that attends the subscriptions mentions a “stream” of new articles: however, in the year that I have been following the website I estimate two or three new articles per breed per year. It also promises a free newsletter which was not forthcoming.

The breeds covered fall mainly into FCI Molosser Group 2. The archive lists eight breeds: Bullmastiff (46); Cane Corso; Dogo Argentino; Dogue de Bordeaux (33); Fila Brasileiro; Mastiff (49); Neopolitan Mastiff; Tibetan Mastiff; as well as Rare Molossers and More Molossers. In the last two categories are four articles on the Boerboel. The numbers in brackets refer to the number of articles/videos. The articles are well written, especially those of the editor, Denise Flaim, who I assume also works hard at editing articles by writers whose home language is not English, and the odd forced alliteration or play on words in the titles is forgivable.

Editors note: There is a new Molosser called the “American Molossus”. It is a cross between a Mastiff and a Neopolitan Mastiff.